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COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT/INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

Cornerstone of College to call it quits

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Three short words are all Richard Massa needed to announce his retirement from Missouri Southern. "I am quitting," he said. Massa came to the College in 1972. He has been head of the communications department since its founding in 1980 and director of the Institute of International Studies since 1996. "All this is the ending of this chapter. I am going to start another chapter," he said. "This will be the first of many."

"I am certainly not closing the book."

Massa did not specify his future plans, but said he will not serve the College in any official role.

"There comes a time when you have to walk out in middle of the movie," he said. "Nobody's going to miss my presence. The slack will be taken up very easily."



Richard Massa
Retiring faculty

Several of Massa's former students are now faculty or staff at the College. Lee Elliff Pound, director of alumni affairs, was a student of Massa's from 1984 to 1986.

"I had him for his very first Introduction to Public Relations class," she said. "Only three of us in that class got A's. We were the three that were terrified of him."

She said Massa gave the class advice that she benefits from everyday in her job.

"He said, 'Look around this room, memorize every face and every name, because you never know which one of these people you will interview with for a job, hire to fill a job, or work with in some capacity,'" she said.

Pound had a suggestion for Massa's retirement celebration.

"I think we need to have a huge party and wear black," she said.

A 1950 graduate of Joplin High School, Massa received his B.J. from the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1954 and his master's the following year. He later returned to his hometown to be closer to his parents in their declining years.

A young Southern was also attractive to Massa as a place to build a career.

"The fact that Missouri Southern was a growing institution and had nowhere to go but up was appealing," he said.

While teaching at Northeast Missouri State University (now Truman State) in 1971-72, Massa said he twice wrote to Southern inquiring about an opening. He received three replies to his letters, all postage due.

He was hired by Southern in 1972 to fill a journalism opening, but said he was not the College's first choice.

"I was a desperation move to fill the position before classes started," he said. "I was told by two administrators that I wouldn't have the job for more than a year or two. So I accepted the challenge."

TURN TO MASSA, PAGE 2

Student marries at mall

By MATT MADURA
STAFF WRITER

Romance was in the air at Northpark Mall on Valentine's Day when four couples — including one Missouri Southern student — exchanged vows in the presence of family, friends, and shoppers.

Hurst Fine Diamonds promoted free public weddings for couples who registered by Feb. 9. The couples had only to bring a valid marriage license.

"This is our way of giving back," said Annette Gray, Hurst salesperson.

Hurst provided a minister, photographer, flowers, cake, and a 5-by-7 photograph. Couples also were given discount rates on photo packages.

"I have never witnessed anything like this before," said Morton Hurst, owner of Hurst Fine Diamonds. "I drove down from Kansas City; I couldn't visualize what I was going to see."

Hurst said his son, Mike Hurst, set up the weddings with an idea he received at a large jewelers' convention.

With help from his employees, he planned the weddings of Jeremy Allison and Lisa Piller, of Joplin; Jeremy Rice and Debbie Watkins, of Joplin; Jason Moore



Melissa and Damion Belk walk down the aisle after being pronounced man and wife at Northpark Mall on Valentine's Day during Hurst Fine Diamonds Free Wedding Day.

and Tabitha Lawson, of Neosho; and Damion Belk and Melissa Steele, of Webb City.

Randy White of Northside Baptist Church of Neosho officiated the marriages.

"It was slightly distracting (Northpark Mall), but if it brings happiness to the couples, that's what it's all about," White said.

Belk, a freshman English major, said she and her husband, Damion Belk, planned to get married next year but decided to do it Sunday.

"We saw it was free; that was on Feb. 4," Melissa Belk said. "We just decided to do it. We applied for our marriage license the next day."



Lisa Piller and Jeremy Allison exchange their wedding vows. The ceremony was officiated by Randy White.

MATT MADURA/The Chart

TURN TO MARRIAGE, PAGE 3

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

Spring enrollment increases by 87

By RHONDA CLARK
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Full-time is in and part-time is out when it comes to student status.

That's according to enrollment figures for the spring semester. Numbers of part-time students dropped this spring, but full-time numbers increased. Total enrollment with both groups came to 5,191, up 87 from a year ago.

Dr. Delores Honey, director of assessment and institutional research, said the freshmen class had the greatest increase, followed by the seniors. This influx of upper-level scholars results from transfers.

"We think this is really good news," she said. "We're happy to know the numbers are up. The increase in credit hours shows we're taking in a bigger load."

Total credit hours in which students are enrolled demonstrated an increase of 973 from a year ago, topping out at 59,381 hours. Honey explains why students opt for full-time status.

"Scholarships and financial aid drive them to 12 hours or more since they have to be classified as full-time to qualify," she said.

Derek Skaggs, director of enrollment services, noticed another trend in the spring semester.

"We saw, in spring applicants, a larger number of high school students graduating early," he said. "Instead of staying an extra semester, they are going to college."

Other data from statistics compiled show a slight decline in the number of non-traditional students since 1992, although they continue to make up around one third of all students. Females outnumber males, 52 to 48 percent.

Out-of-state students also are migrating to the southwest corner of Missouri, up 58 from 1998.

"We have a presence [in other states]," Skaggs said. "We have an additional recruiter and have expanded into the Tulsa market

We saw, in spring applicants, a larger number of high school students graduating early.

Derek Skaggs
Director of enrollment services

as well as northwest Arkansas and southeast Kansas."

The current census facts and figures provide predictors for the future.

"We're looking for an increase this fall," Honey said. "I think we're doing some things right."

Skaggs agrees. He has seen first-time student applications for the fall semester increase by 22 percent from 1998 and campus visits by prospective students rise by 10 percent.

"This says the campus is effective in its recruitment and retention strategies," Skaggs said. "A team approach to these efforts has paid off."

Honey credits two things as strong selling points for the College — the international mission and the student-faculty interaction. She believes the "faculty can work one on one" with students, thus providing individualization and something unique to Southern. Skaggs also adds that students come here for a quality degree that is affordable.

The College serves a diverse population, and Honey anticipates this diversification to continue with the offering and addition of more televised and distance learning classes.

"There are a lot of options, and we have such a mobile and changing society," she said. "I look for a big increase in these classes next fall as we will be hitting them harder and advertising more." □

SOCIAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT

Capitol internship position remains vacant

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Students pursuing a career in or around the political arena may be missing out on first-hand experience of seeing government in the works.

Annetta St. Clair, associate professor of political science, oversees a program at Missouri Southern that finds opportunities for students to serve in both Washington, D.C. and Jefferson City. Last spring, the participating student served in the United Nations in New York; this spring, however, the College had no students decide to participate in the program.

"The money has not changed since 1988

(when the Capitol internship began)," St. Clair said.

Participants in the Capitol internship program receive 12 hours of credit, which is paid by the College, plus a \$1,000 stipend to go toward the cost of living.

"One thousand dollars in 1999 is pretty hard

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Campus security enforces policy on roller blading inside College facilitiespage 6



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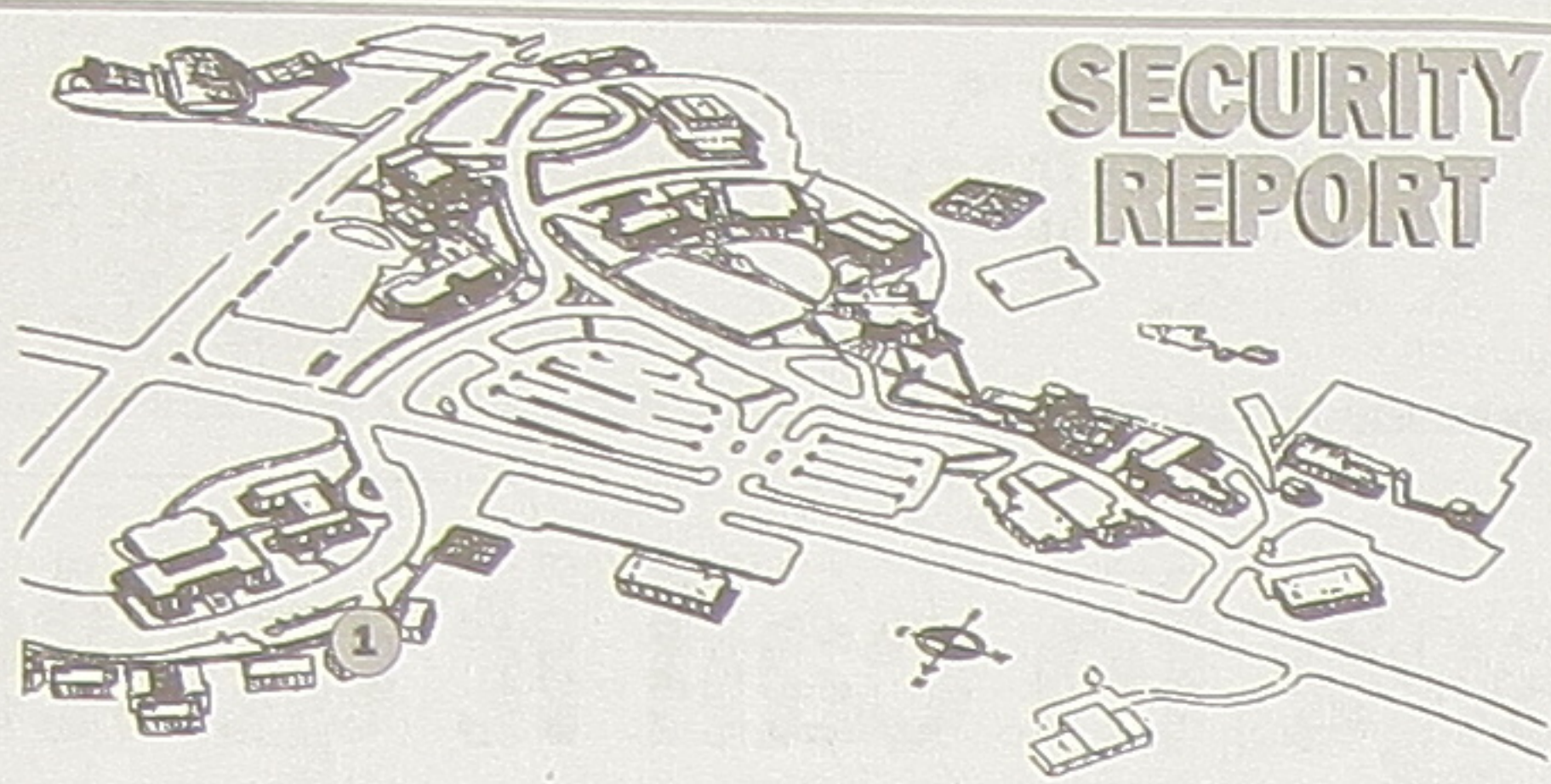
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Pieces of the Past

This weeks page is dedicated to taking an in-depth look at local black history.

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SECURITY REPORT



1 2/15/99 Dishman Hall

Officer Raymond Magee was notified of phone calls being made to an apartment in Dishman Hall. The three females in the apartment were being called for 30 minutes straight and were very nervous. They were told to hang up on the caller and take the phone off the hook and to notify security if any more calls were made. The females wanted to have the calls traced so that the calling would stop.

All proceeds of all advertising go to The Chart, the student newspaper of Missouri Southern State College.

MASSA: Veteran faculty member announces retirement

From Page 1

Conditions upon Massa's arrival as adviser to *The Chart* were "deplorable," he said. Equipment consisted of three broken-down typewriters, a pair of broken scissors, a pot of paste, and a broken ruler.

"But the equipment was not the major concern," he said. "I didn't have a staff. It took most of the year just to find one."

Three years later *The Chart* won its first Missouri College Newspaper Association "Best in Class" award. The paper went on to earn numerous other state, regional, and national awards before Massa stepped down as adviser in 1984.

"We had to establish credibility first of all, a concept of news," he said. "Design is the least important aspect of a newspaper."

Massa served a year as head of the English department while laying the groundwork for a new department on campus.

"Because communications is one of the basic skills humans desire, it

deserves its own department," he said.

"Communication skills are necessary in all areas of the core curriculum."

Massa left the classroom in 1996.

"I miss the performance of teaching," he said. "Dr. [Chad] Stebbins (associate professor of journalism) has accused me of being an actor."

To Massa, the classroom was a stage.

"Teaching communication skills is a formidable task; you can't teach until you know how to demonstrate all."

Massa would begin each semester of Introduction to Human Communication with, "As I was saying last time..." The last word he always spoke in a semester was "etcetera."

"There is no end to communication and to learning," he said.

During the 1980s, Massa's students demonstrated their proficiency to him in many ways.

"Students would play tricks on me," he said.

Students would turn classroom desks backward, stand on their heads

outside the windows, and order pizza on occasion.

"They demonstrated communications in all its aspects," he said.

Massa said the character of the class changed with the department's move to Webster Hall in 1992.

Massa added the responsibilities of director of the Institute of International Studies in 1996 after Southern secured mission enhancement funding from the state. Massa said the office was created to provide a central point for the task of internationalization of the College.

Massa is well traveled in Europe, but has never been to Spain, Greece, or Asia.

"The most memorable trips have been to the Soviet Union and Africa," he said.

Dr. Erik Bitterbaum, vice president for academic affairs, said the Board of Regents will vote today on accepting Massa's retirement. Bitterbaum said after the vote he would discuss Massa's replacements with College President Julio Leon and Dr. Larry Martin, dean of the school of arts and sciences. □

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BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Allcock returns home from whale expedition

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
ASSISTANT DESIGN EDITOR

Desiree Allcock didn't spend her Christmas break lounging around like many Missouri Southern students did. Instead, Allcock, sophomore biology major, spent two weeks in Maui researching humpback whales. It was all a part of her internship. "I knew a little bit about marine biology before I left," Allcock said. "It was absolutely life-changing."

Allcock worked with the Pacific Whale Foundation taking photo identification shots of the whales. She and the six other interns and three researchers would set out for the ocean around 7 a.m. and follow

groups of whales until they had gotten enough pictures to identify them.

She said it

was not an easy task because they had to wait until the whales would fluke up (show the back of their tail). They then had to take a picture of the pigmentation of the tail. Each whale has a different pigmentation, and that's how they are identified. Sometimes



Desiree Allcock
Biology major

they would have to follow the same group all day.

"Since the humpback whales are an endangered species, we're trying to identify as many as possible to do population counts," Allcock said. "By getting photo identification shots of the whales on their flukes, we can tell which ones are coming back."

Along with the photo identification, Allcock worked on a distance estimation project. She rode in a tourist boat and asked people how far away they thought they were from the whales. The boats were not allowed within 100 yards of the whales.

"We not only tested the tourists, we also tested the crew to see how far away they thought we were," Allcock said. "The crew was pretty close, but

the tourists weren't very close at all."

Whales were not the item on Allcock's list for research. She also had the chance to work with dolphins, sea turtles, and coral reefs.

"In Missouri we hear a lot about recycling, and I never really thought about it until I was out there in the boat," Allcock said. "We'd be so far out we couldn't even see land and we'd see a bottle floating by."

"If the sea turtles see a plastic bag, they might think it's a jelly fish and they'll eat it."

As far as she's concerned, Allcock said she wouldn't have been there without Dr. James Jackson, professor of biology.

"The internship seemed to fit precisely with what her needs were,"

Jackson said. "She was my advisee. In the biology department, we take our advising very seriously, not just classes but also professional development."

"We don't do these internships every year," Jackson said. "The only time I would do this is when there's a student who is appropriate for it."

He said the main benefit appeared to be life-changing in the direction toward professional goals Allcock didn't think possible or even existed.

"I think internships in general are probably the institution's most valuable tool in making students as competent for professional positions as any other student from any other college or university in the Midwest," Jackson said. □

STUDENT SENATE

Three groups split \$2,800 in allocations

By JANA BLANKENSHIP
AND JEFF WELLS
OF THE CHART STAFF

In the words of one representative, Missouri Southern's Student Senate went looking for trouble Wednesday night.

"Are we just looking for trouble?" asked Tyler Shields, freshman senator, after senior senator Nick Prewett addressed a College-sponsored billboard near the intersection of Newman Road and Range Line Road. The sign reads "Missouri Southern State College congratulates College Heights Christian School 20th Anniversary, 1979-1999, 'Quality education in a Christian environment'."

Senate President Jesse DeGonia said the Senate was a forum appropriate for the presentation of topics important to students, but he halted discussion on the subject until the facts could be determined. See related story, this page.

The treasury committee meeting ran long, so the regular session started late.

A \$1,000 allocation went to the Kinesiology Club for a four-day trip to a national convention in Boston. Eight students and three faculty will be attending.

"We feel it's a great opportunity for us as well as everyone else," said Amanda Klotz, Kinesiology Club spokeswoman.

The Alpha Kappa Delta honor society received a \$1,000 allocation.

An allocation for \$800 was given to the Association for Childhood Education International. ACEI asked for \$600 on Senate request forms, but sought an additional \$200 because an additional member would be attending the conference.

"It's a good opportunity for students to come back to Missouri Southern and be able to present at the Early

SENATE COFFERS

FEB. 17 REQUESTS:

■ Kinesiology Club —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

■ Alpha Kappa

Delta —

Request: \$1,000

Received: \$1,000

■ ACEI —

Request: \$800

Received: \$800

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$5,250.00

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

Childhood Conference," said Melissa Thompson, president of ACEI.

The allocations moved the treasury balance to \$5,250.

Paige White, sophomore business major, was appointed to fill a Senate vacancy.

Two senators were not present at this week's meeting: vice president Tom Williams and Curtis Mock.

The Senate is traveling to Jefferson City Tuesday to meet with legislators.

At the next regular meeting, the Senate will decide on appropriations to the Psychology Club, Council on Exceptional Children, and World Issues for Study by Educators. □

Senator questions origin of billboard

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

There seemed to be a sign of discontent during Wednesday night's Student Senate meeting.

Controversy arose at the meeting concerning the origin of a sign bearing the Missouri Southern name congratulating College Heights Christian School on 20 years of excellence in Christian education.

While the Senate decided to find out more about the sign and have a report for next week, senior senator Nick Prewett said after the meeting that he thinks sponsoring the sign was an inappropriate move for the College.

"I don't think it's right to spend the College's advertising dollars to promote one specific school," he said. "I think the school's money would be better spent recruiting all students."

Gwen Hunt, director of public information, says Southern's monetary input was minimal, and sponsoring the sign was no more than a goodwill gesture on the part

of the College toward a local school.

"It's College Heights' sign, and they simply asked us if we would sponsor the sign for the month of February," she said.

Dr. Pat Kluthe, assistant director of the honors program and member of the College Heights school board, says Southern is participating in a city-wide effort.

"Missouri Southern is one of 12 civic-minded institutions who sponsored a billboard, and these will appear at different places in town one month at a time," she said. "To my knowledge, there has been no repercussion anywhere."

"They are our neighbors, and their students do come to Southern," Hunt said. "We just thought it would be a neighborly thing as well as good public relations."

Hunt says Southern would treat any local school in the same manner.

"If it had been another school, Thomas Jefferson or Joplin High School, for example, having the same kind of celebration, we would consider it in the same way." □

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEPARTMENT



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Spencer will be able to spend more time in leisurely activity due to her change in position.

Spencer takes on new role

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After 25 and a half years as the secretary for the criminal justice department, Barbara Spencer claims she is not retiring but simply taking another position.

"I don't much like the word 'retire' in my case because I feel that's a finality," she said. "I like restructure of the clerical in the program."

Dr. Jack Spurlin, dean of the school of technology, said even though Spencer no longer is going to be a full-time staff member, it is good to know she will still be around to help where needed.

"She has such a wealth of knowledge about that department," he said. "If all Missouri Southern employees had as positive attitude about their job and the students, it would be such a wonderful place to work."

Spencer said she has worked in the department since its infancy.

"It was about a year and a half old," she said. "We had two classrooms and one and a half instructors."

Spencer said through the years much has changed in both in the department and in her job.

"It's easier to do what you had been doing, but the work quadrupled due to the quadrupling of students," she said.

"We literally had 38 students when I started working here and a two-year program. I typed up the original four-year program in 1978."

Spencer said over the years she has worked under several department heads, but the last five years has seen frequent change.

"In the last five years I've had four different

faculty bosses," she said. "It's always been a good change; every time we change it's for the better."

Spencer said one of the things she has enjoyed most about the job is her interaction with students.

"I like the contact because I really enjoy the students," she said. "The students are my forte; I want to have the ability to help them in life or in the area. We have many a student who has left here and always comes back."

"She was like a mother hen to faculty and students," Spurlin said. "She didn't care about leaving time; she would stay until everything was done."

Spencer originally got the job after hearing about it from a friend on campus.

"My friend on the switchboard, Susan Richardson, heard of the job and called me," she said. "They hired me in about 10 minutes, so I took the job. It's never been a regret."

Now that Spencer has some extra time on her hands, she plans to work on her green thumb.

"I have a farm and I plan on gardening, trying to put out a strawberry crop and trying to enhance my ability to grow, and then I have a hay field I plan on bringing up to standard," she said.

"I just always wanted to be in the country, and it took a while, but I'm there and I love it."

Spencer said she has had hopes of owning a farm since her childhood when she spent time at her aunt's farm.

"I haven't lived on it more than six months, but I've had it 10 years," she said. "I'm on a creek, I own part of a creek, waterfalls, it's just what I always wanted." □

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Historian to present Jeans Lecture

Michael Fellman, a noted author, lecturer, and professor of history, will be featured during this year's Virginia and Virgil Jeans Lecture in History Feb. 25-26 at Missouri Southern.

The professor from Simon Fraser University, British Columbia, will present a lecture titled "Robert E. Lee on Slavery and Race" at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Webster Hall auditorium. At 11 a.m. Friday, Fellman will speak on "Inside Wars: The Cultural Crisis of Warfare and the Values of Ordinary People," also in Webster Hall auditorium.

The lecture series is sponsored by the Missouri Southern Phi Alpha Theta honorary history society, the Jeans Memorial Fund, the Missouri Southern Foundation, the academic affairs office, and a faculty development grant.

Fellman is working on a new book about Robert E. Lee. He has authored *Citizen Sherman: A Life of William T. Sherman* and *Inside Wars: Guerrilla Conflict in Missouri During the American Civil War*. □

Phonathon falls short of \$290,000 goal

The 17th annual Phonathon concluded Feb. 11 with the second-highest amount contributed or pledged in the event's history.

Gifts and pledges totaled \$240,300 at the end of calling.

"Although we did not reach our goal of \$290,000, which was a very ambitious target, our friends and supporters responded with an exceptional effort that exceeded all of our previous totals except last year's record," said Sue Billingsly, director of the Missouri Southern Foundation. "The grand total will actually continue to increase as those who wanted to consider their gifts and pledges in private will respond over the next few weeks." □

Regents consider building, faculty issues

The Board of Regents will meet at 1 p.m. today in Room 314 of the Billingsly Student Center to consider an increase in student tuition.

Regents will also consider bids for the construction of a black-box theatre, proposals from the academic policies committee, and numerous retirements and resignations.

The Board, which hasn't met since Nov. 11, will next meet on March 19. □

Advance PSU tickets currently on sale

Advance tickets for Missouri Southern's basketball games vs. Pittsburg State University Saturday in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium must be purchased by 5 p.m. today in the ticket office in the Billingsly Student Center.

Tickets will not be available at the door, so basketball fans interested in attending the game must call or visit the ticket office in advance. The phone number is 625-9366. □

Southern Theatre brings imagination to life

The fertile imagination of C.S. Lewis will come to life next week when Southern Theatre and the Show-Me Celebration Company present *The Magician's Nephew* for two matinee shows.

Public performances of the children's show will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 and Sunday, Feb. 28 in Taylor Auditorium.

Tickets are \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children 12 and under. No passes will be accepted. Reservations are available by calling 625-3190 or through the theatre box office in the lobby of Taylor Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Gerrie-Ellen Johnston, an adjunct professor of theatre, is directing the production. □

MARRIAGE: Hurst holds ceremonies inside mall

From Page 1

The Belks thought it was a "cheap and gimmicky" contest at first, but soon realized it was somewhat of a gift from the owners of Hurst Fine Diamonds.

"When they explained to us what it was going to be like, it sounded really nice," Melissa Belk said.

The owners did it out of love, she said.

"We promote love," said Shirley Hurst, owner.

"The mall didn't bother us at all; we couldn't have had a better wedding if we planned it ourselves," Melissa Belk said. "We feel very lucky."

With the money they saved from the wedding, the Belks will take a honeymoon to Disney World in December. □

OUR EDITORIAL

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Miracle worker loses steam

When he announced his June 30 retirement to the staff of the communications department last week, Richard Massa said, in part, "I have run out of energy."

Given what he has accomplished in his 27 years at Missouri Southern, it's no wonder the man is in need of a rest. Consider that:

- He resurrected *The Chart* and converted it to a full-sized weekly newspaper in the 1970s;
- He founded the communications department in 1980 and continues to serve as its only department head;
- He launched Missouri Southern Television in 1984;
- He put KXMS radio on the air in 1986;
- He helped plan and organize the College's 50th anniversary celebration in 1987;
- He conceptualized Webster Hall and worked with the architects to design the building in the early 1990s;
- He began implementing the College's international mission in 1996 as the first director of the Institute of International Studies;
- He wrote proposals and syllabi for new majors in communications, international studies, French, and German;

•He served two terms as president of the Faculty Senate and a year as head of the English department.

Massa's list of feats goes on and on. He was named one of the College's Outstanding Teachers in 1982, and 14 years later was honored with the Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Students, faculty, and staff will remember him as someone who gave nearly every ounce of his strength and energy to Missouri Southern. He arrives before 7 a.m. every day and never leaves before 5 p.m. And even while at home, his mind still races with ideas for new programs to be implemented.

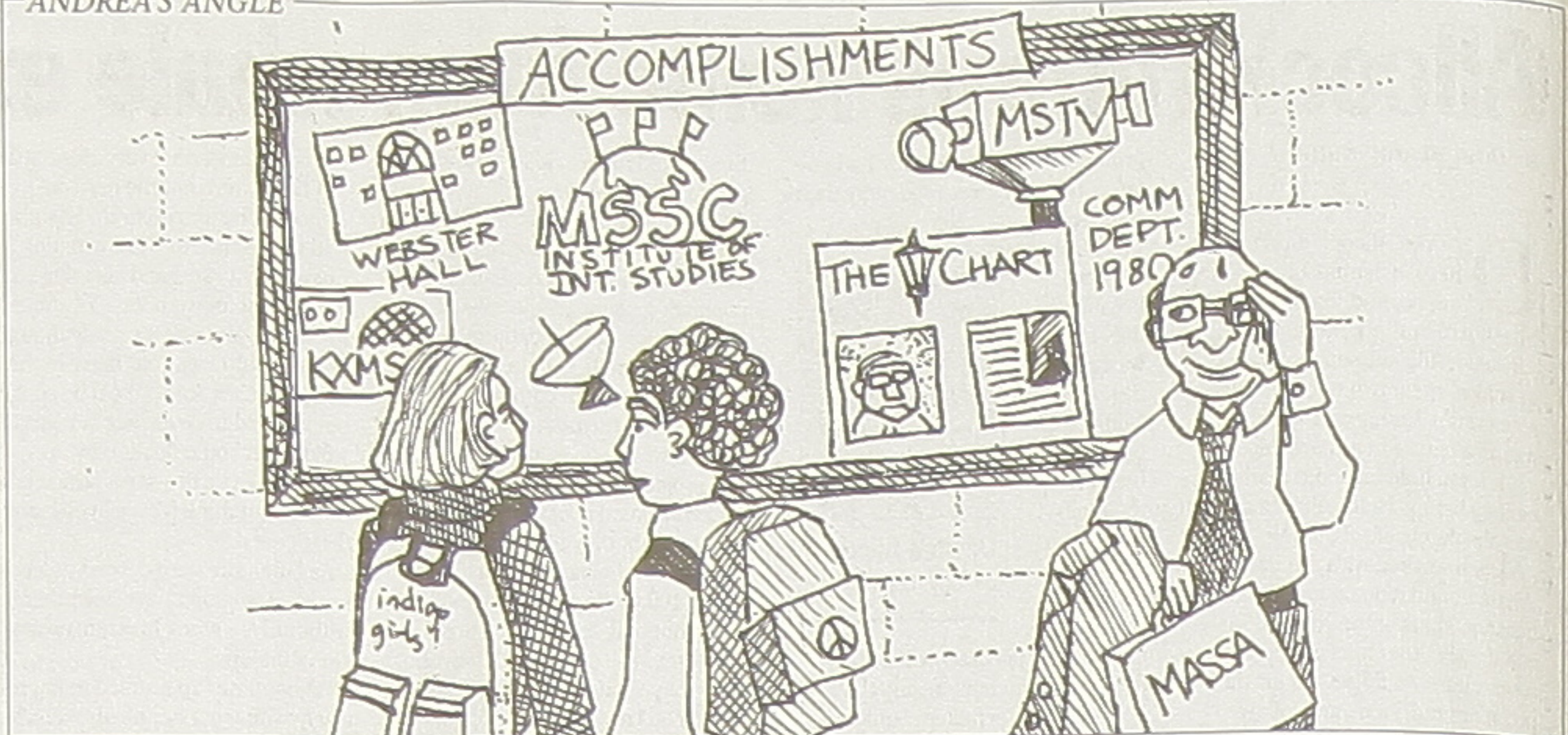
Most would agree that next to College President Julio Leon, Massa has been Missouri Southern's greatest visionary. The two have worked hand in hand on many projects over the years, and as a result, the College has made monumental strides in a relatively short period of time.

So, yes, he's earned his retirement. But his legacy will live on in the thousands of students he has educated over the years and the colleagues he leaves behind. "The caliber of our staff and of our faculty is such that miracles can happen if everyone works together toward common goals," he told the communications department staff last week. "I expect to be watching from afar and hoping (and praying) for those miracles."

Others, no doubt, will build on the cornerstone he has laid. He's counting on it. And if his successors don't deliver, they'll hear about it — immediately. You can count on that.

It's important to remember that Massa still has four months remaining on the job. There's no telling what "miracle" he'll pull off in that amount of time. ☐

ANDREA'S ANGLE



EDITOR'S COLUMN

Channel surfing delays serious study time

I find it hard to concentrate on schoolwork anymore. I'm not sure if it's because I've been in school for four and a half years, or if maybe I can't study unless it's in video game form. Whatever the case, I find it not impossible, just sometimes more difficult than it probably should be.

Sometimes I need to have some various outside noises to help me study, whether it be turning on the radio, the dishwasher, or the all-time greatest of homework distractions, the almighty boob tube. And I do admit that on occasion, I succumb to the images flashing in front of me and end up watching instead of studying.

Don't even try to tell me that you don't do it. I know you do. You want to study, sure you do. But in the end, cable rears its ugly head. You are dragged down to the bottomless pit of lethargy.

Grabbing the "remote of power" (at least that's

what I call it), I begin my extensive finger exercise and surf the wonderful waves of sights and sounds. Everything can be found on cable these days. Starting my trip on the music channel, I then head toward the Sci-Fi Channel, then the Comedy Channel, then make my way through the endless barrage of late-night television.

It never ceases to amaze me the people who will gladly come on national TV and tell anything and everything they've done. They have absolutely no shame. They've cheated, they've lied, and they've double-crossed. They backbite and have even burned themselves in the process.

I know some of this stuff is as staged as the well-written but poorly acted-out plots of professional wrestling. While I hold the belief that although some of this talk-show trash is impromptu, there is a lot of truth behind the yelling and screaming and hitting and biting. The sad truth is, I actually know people who are as screwed up as these people.

Has the whole freaking world gone mad? Why is everyone mad at each other? I know this girl (we'll call her Ms. Owl) and this guy (we'll call him Mr. Rock) who have a small bit of differ-

ences between each other. Now Mr. Rock has apologized for any wrongdoing that he may have caused and realizes that he may have been a jerk in the past. And for that, he is truly sorry. But the funny thing is, Ms. Owl is so furious and full of hate that if someone were to ask her what the problem is, she can't even remember.

I don't get it. If a person can't even remember why she's mad, and the other person is remorseful for any wrongdoing, then why all the fighting? I can't understand why people have such a hard time forgiving and letting go.

Is it because they actually might be humbled long enough to forgive? Or maybe because that would require some admittance of wrongdoing on their part? And then if they let it build up long enough, maybe they can go on "Springer" and beat the heebie geebies out of each other. It's a sad state of affairs.

I've read a bumper sticker on a faculty car that reads "If you think education is expensive — try ignorance." Very true.

All right, I'm shutting off the TV and getting back to work. If the world is growing full of ignorant people, I want to be well prepared. Click. ☐



Eric Gruber
Arts Editor

IN PERSPECTIVE

Substantial writings result of careful revision

Revision is a powerful tool to help us improve the content of our writing. Revision usually consists of writing a series of draft versions of a paper. With each successive draft, the writer improves the overall meaning and expression of the paper. Revision enables us to end up with a final product that is more substantial than we can write in one draft.

Dr. Van Allen, a famous space physicist, reported that he writes many drafts before he achieves the final version of his scholarly articles.

He wrote, "...I have made the personal discovery that the mere process of writing is one of the most powerful tools we have for clarifying our own thinking...I am never as clear about any matter as when I have just finished writing about it...the writing process itself produces that clarity. By clarity, I mean clarity of

understanding as well as clarity of deficiencies of understanding. The writing process feeds on itself by revealing such deficiencies to the author."

Allen described the process he used to write the article "Saturn's Magnetosphere, Rings, and Inner Satellites," that was published in *Science* magazine. Over a period of three months, he wrote many drafts as part of the process to "reduce, digest, and interpret" the data from the Pioneer 11 spacecraft. By the time the five-page article was completed, Allen had accumulated a six-inch-deep pile on his desk of progressively improved draft versions of the article.

If Allen needs revision to write well, then surely students would benefit from revising. However, most freshmen, and many upperclassmen, do not revise their writing. They typically write only one draft of a paper and don't change the content much after that.

Often, first-draft papers lack meaningful content. Substantial and complex meanings rarely emerge in fully developed form during the first draft of a paper. Professors are aware of this and sometimes complain that student writing is long

on "fluff" and short on substance.

To develop substance in their papers, writers must use language in many ways to clarify their thinking and to see the complexity of ideas and situations.

For example, writers may read about the topic, think about it, talk about it, write informally about it, draw diagrams about it, and more. These activities promote a clearer, more detailed, more organized understanding so that with each successive draft, the content of a paper matures and evolves.

Revision is often confused with editing and proofreading. Editing and proofreading involve "fixing" sentence-level problems in writing, for example, sentence clarity, grammar, and spelling. However, revision is a more holistic activity that develops the overall content and expression of a paper.

Students would do well to follow the example of Allen. If students take the time and energy to revise, then the content of their papers will be more substantial. In addition, students' grades will improve, and they will feel more pride in their writing. ☐



Dr. James Brown
English Department

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via e-mail. Our e-mail address: Chart@mail.mssc.edu. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Student Senate criticisms are unfounded

It seems a pity that this ongoing tiff between *The Chart* and the Student Senate seems to be over...very little at all. *The Chart* reports what's going on at the Senate meetings and asks relevant questions on financial matters — and I say relevant because it is every student's money they are handling — and the Senate responds with this:

"Piss on *The Chart*," by junior senator Vanessa Copeland. This was in response to a reminder of the last time *The Chart* reported

questionable ethics in the Senate's financial matters. The issue at hand was the purchase of a birthday gift with Senate funds.

"We can't start letting *The Chart* control Student Senate," by senior senator Rob Huffman. This was also in response to the birthday gift issue.

And, by now, we have all read the letter by freshman senator Tyler Shields which stated that, "In the short time I have been here...*The Chart* has stooped to an all-time low..." and included an ad

hominem attack on the self-esteem of *The Chart* editors, their lack of ethics, and effort. Shields also criticizes *The Chart* for the "fabrication" of President Jesse DeGonia's statements, when those statements can be (and have been) verified by *The Chart* reporters. It would seem that some, if not most, of Shields' criticisms are unfounded at best and simple attacks on *The Chart* at their worst.

The Chart has always reflected the views and news of the campus at Missouri Southern; if they aren't

reporting the issues that you want to read about, join the staff and get involved. If you want to criticize the stories they do report, by all means, do so — this is one of the earliest keystones to our society. Just make sure you have a leg to stand on, because those of us out there who actually read and listen to what goes on will let you know when you don't.

Dave Lynagh
Senior

Speech communications major

Need to teach variety

THANK YOU Andre Smith for an interesting, true, and thought-provoking column in last week's *Chart*. I loved it and agree with your message more than I can tell you.

I think it would be great for every white, Protestant person in this country to experience the feeling of being a minority.

When I lived in Demarest, N.J., from fourth to eighth grade, I was one of three white kids in my class. I was also one of only half a dozen Christians. Everyone else was a

wonderful, interesting mixture of Asian, Indian, Jewish, Buddhist, Black, etc. I learned more in those years than any other period of my life.

We need to teach our children the beauty of not necessarily being different (which implies anyone who is not white is different), but the beauty of the variety of people there are in the world. Thank you again!

Jennifer Yazel

Director of career services



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Court ruling ended segregation of local education

By JEFF BILLINGTON
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

May 17, 1954, was a day that changed the fabric of the United States. The ways by which the country had lived since the late 1870s were swept into history.

According to *Brown v. Board of Education*, the theory of separate but equal was unconstitutional.

"It was what was called Jim Crowism," said Betty Robinson-Gray, a social science teacher at Joplin High School. "We were supposed to be separate but equal, but there was no equality there."

Robinson-Gray was a sophomore in high school when this decision changed the education system in Joplin.

"There was one black family living in Webb City, there were black families living

in Carthage and in Neosho," she said. "Those black students could not go to Neosho schools or Carthage schools or Webb City schools because of segregation, so they all had to come to Joplin. We had one school for blacks grades one through 12 in the same building."

"We all went to the same school, even though there were several elementary schools in this town and three junior high schools," Robinson-Gray said.

This school for blacks, called Lincoln, was at Seventh and Minnesota. It was torn down a few years ago.

Robinson-Gray said just getting to the school posed a problem for some of the students.

"We didn't have buses to get us to school, so these black families in Carthage, Neosho, and Webb City were responsible for getting their children over here," she

said. "Sometimes these students had to catch the Greyhound to come to school, and some parents had cars. There were not a lot of cars in this town at that time for whites or blacks."

Robinson-Gray said at the time of the court ruling, the local school board tried to circumvent the decision by continuing to operate the separate Lincoln school.

"Most black students did not go [to Joplin High School] when *Brown v. Board of Education* came down," Robinson-Gray said. "The school board would have admitted us at the time, but we just were not wanted. This was not unusual, this was nationwide basically."

"We were not wanted, and we knew that," she said. "When you are segregated, it gets into your psyche and you get to where you think you are not as good, and so you are hesitant to intermingle."

Robinson-Gray said instead of integrating the school as it was supposed to be, the school board left Lincoln open and gave black students the choice of which to attend.

Dr. Robert Markman, associate professor of history at Missouri Southern, said this was not uncommon throughout the nation at the time.

"There were different ploys to try to avoid it," he said. "At Little Rock they decided to segregate the high school instead of desegregating it all."

"It was token segregation, and a lot of places wanted to do that, to see if they could get around the law," Markman said.

The next year, though, Robinson-Gray said they had to attend.

"I remember there was one teacher at Joplin High School whom I thought didn't really care what color of skin we were, and

his name was Rob Dean," she said. "I was in his home room, and he didn't treat me any differently."

Robinson-Gray said being a minority in this large school created an uncomfortable feeling.

"We would always try to get in a class where there was another black so we would have someone to talk to," she said. "Because kids just didn't talk to us."

Robinson-Gray said with the exception of a few teachers, most seemed only to tolerate the black students. She said this atmosphere did not end at the schools, but carried over into local movie theaters and retail establishments.

"There were stores like Newberry's and Kresge's, and we couldn't go into these stores and eat," Robinson-Gray said. "We could go into these stores, but we couldn't eat at the lunch counters." □

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER NATIONAL MONUMENT

Scientist rose from humble start

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Education was the reward of George Washington Carver's persistence. Carver surpassed the barriers of southwest Missouri racism to become the first black to earn a degree from what is now Iowa State.

Carver was born near Diamond in 1864. The countryside was torn by war and his parents were slaves.

Carver and his mother were kidnapped by Confederate raiders. He was returned to his white family, the Carver's, but his mother was killed.

Carver left the farm when he was between 10 and 12 years old.

A national monument was established at the farm shortly before his death in 1943.

After leaving the farm, Carver walked the eight to 10 miles to Neosho, where he stayed with Aunt Mariah Watkins, a midwife and a former slave. Watkins and her husband Andrew took Carver in.

"She was very interested in giving George a background in religion," said William Jackson, superintendent of the George Washington Carver National Monument.

Watkins gave Carver his first Bible. He carried it with him every day until he died.

"She had a profound effect on the early years of his life," Jackson said.

Watkins gave Carver a directive that was part of his life's mission.

"You must learn all you can, then go out into the world and give back to our people," Watkins told Carver.

Jackson said she was initially referring to blacks, but Carver expanded the meaning to all of humanity.

"She wanted him to give his education back to others, and he did so his entire life," Jackson said.

Carver studied at the Lincoln School in

Neosho for three years before leaving for Fort Scott, Kan., with the Seymour family.

"He hustled odd jobs and attended school at night," Jackson said.

A horrifying experience forced Carver to flee Fort Scott.

While there, Carver witnessed a black prisoner be lynched and set afire. Carver then worked and attended school in Paola and Olathe, Kan. He finished high school in Minneapolis, Kan., while he was in his mid-20s.

He applied to Highland College in Highland, Kan. Jackson said he applied by letter and was accepted and possibly offered a scholarship. Carver spent his savings on the trip to Highland. When he appeared at the principal's office, he was turned away because of his race.

Carver wandered around western Kansas before setting up a homestead at Beeler, Kan. He stayed there three years, but he had not abandoned his dream of higher education.

Dr. Robert Markman, associate professor of history at Missouri Southern, said it would be difficult for a black student to gain admission to a college or university during that era.

"Even if the school had a policy admitting black students, it doesn't mean all the students made him feel welcome," Markman said.

He moved to Iowa and was accepted to Simpson College as an art student. His art teacher urged him to transfer to Iowa State College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in Ames, now known as Iowa State University. He was the first black to enroll, earn a degree, and serve on the faculty.

In 1896 he earned his master's in agriculture science (botany). He then was lured to Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute (now Tuskegee University) by Booker T. Washington. In his career at Tuskegee, Carver would become a recog-

“It is not the style of clothes one wears, neither the kind of automobile one drives, nor the amount of money one has in the bank, that counts. These mean nothing. It is simply service that measures success.”

George Washington Carver

nized leader in American science.

He returned locally several times before Moses Carver's death in 1910. After that, he stopped only in passing.

"He came through the area on his way to Tulsa and fairs," Jackson said. "He was through the area one or two times after 1910."

Melissa Curther helped lead the effort for the monument in 1941-42. She started the George Washington Carver Nursery School in Joplin and was active in the NAACP.

"She and other civic-minded ladies and men...were active in the movement prior to Dr. Carver's death," Jackson said.

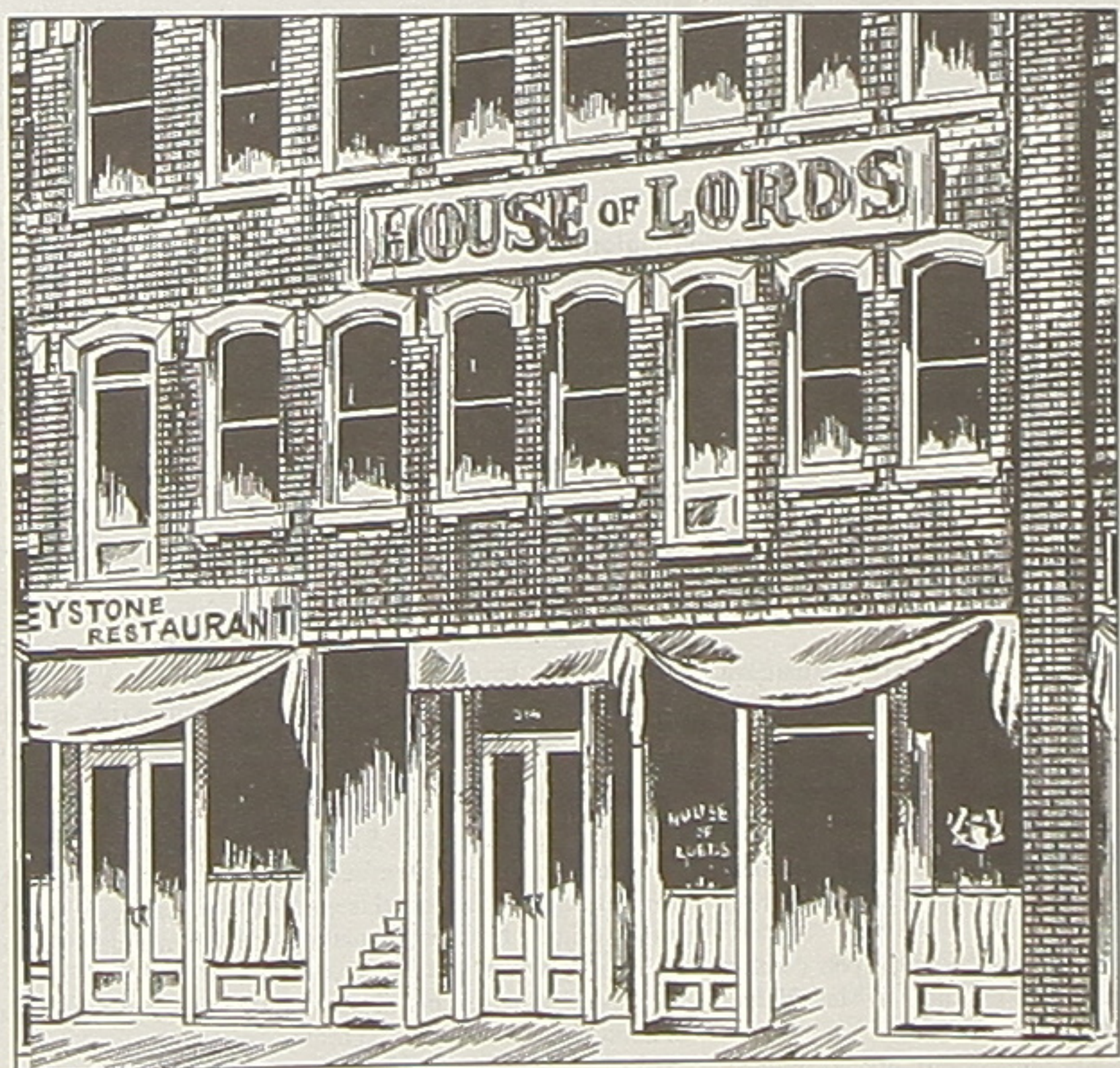
Jackson said Carver's national and international popularity is increasing today.

"Without a doubt...the interest in George Washington Carver National Monument has skyrocketed over the last five years," he said. □



SPECIAL TO THE CHART
The scientist George Washington Carver was the first black man to earn a degree from what is now Iowa State.

HOT SPOT



SPECIAL TO THE CHART/Joplin Museum Complex
In 1896 celebrated ragtime composer Scott Joplin was in Joplin playing piano at the House of Lords. Some of his compositions include "The Entertainer" and "The Maple Leaf Rag."

CAMPUS FACULTY

Eze succeeds in career endeavors

Hard work, persistence give positive rewards

By ELIZABETH SCHURMAN
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dr. Moe Eze did not expect anything from Uncle Sam when he came to the United States at age 17.

As associate professor of manufacturing information management systems and the coordinator for the program at Southern, he sure has come out ahead.

"I didn't expect anyone to give me anything," Eze said. "I think it's actually worse for African Americans, especially the ones who are born in another country."

He came to this country from Nigeria in hopes of attending medical school, but decided against it when someone said he wouldn't be able to do it.

"Once I believed I couldn't make it in medical school, I decided to go to engineering school," Eze said.

He attended North Carolina A & T State University and then moved on to St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. Eze worked toward his master's degree at St. Ambrose while working full-time during the day at Case Manufacturing.

"I believe that you have to work for everything you want; no one is going to hand you anything," Eze said. "No pain, no gain."

After showing his aggressiveness and problem-solving skills, Eze was promoted to manager at Case.

He decided to move back to North Carolina and try law school. After one year, Eze decided he wasn't "law" material. Once out of law school, he opted for more education and went back to North Carolina A & T and received a master's in mechanical engineering.

"In this country, the sky is the limit," Eze said. "Education is the key; the more education the better."

While working for IBM in Colorado, he returned to a routine that seemed regular: working full-time during the day and going to school at night. This time was different. Eze was going for his doctorate.

He went to work for GM in Denver, Colo., as the senior member of technical staff, a position that dealt with problem solving.

When Missouri Southern was searching for someone to handle the MIMS program, Eze applied for the position and was selected because of his industrial experience.

Fran Bartholet, assistant professor of

“I believe that you have to work for everything you want, no one is going to hand you anything.”

Dr. Moe Eze
Associate Professor

computer aided drafting and design, believes having Eze in the technical field brings about a different awareness for the technical area.

"Dr. Eze's cultural diversity really adds a great deal of depth and awareness to the technical program that we didn't have prior to his arrival," he said.

Eze offers a suggestion to younger people.

"You might be young today, but maybe not tomorrow," he said. "Take advantage of what's available and do the best with what you've got." □

Campus Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Erin Sellers at 625-9311.

Lock-in
Scuba Diving
Free Pizza

■ Koinonia Lock-in, meet at 8:30 p.m. at Pizza Hut (20th and Range Line), at 10:30 p.m. will go to Olympic Fitness Center.

Today
19
6 p.m.-

Katherine Lederer, Lecture: "Ozark African-American History," Webster Auditorium.

Saturday
20
6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Lions and Basketball vs. Pittsburg State University, Young Gymnasium. (DH)

Monday
22
10:30 am.-1 p.m.

IRS information table, "How to use the IRS Telefile to File Your Taxes."

Wednesday
24

Senior Assessment Day-No classes!

Thursday
25
6 p.m.

Reception and orientation for student teachers, BSC 3rd floor.

KINESIOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Wellness Fair provides outlet for healthy lifestyle

By MELODY LANING
STAFF WRITER

Faculty, staff, and students had a chance to improve their minds and bodies through tests and information booths at the Wellness Fair.

This year the Wellness Fair was held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday on the third floor of the Billingsly Student Center.

This was also the first year the fair was offered to the students. Faculty and staff could attend from 7 to 10 a.m. and students could attend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Kobi Watford, a junior health promotion and wellness major, was in

charge of the student portion.

"The Kinesiology Club wanted to do something at the same time as the faculty fair," said Sheri Beeler, instructor of kinesiology. "I didn't think they needed to ask twice. They used the door prizes to draw in the students."

Door prizes ranged from free movie passes to a free mammogram.

Door prize winners will be notified either today or Monday.

More than 20 community organizations co-sponsored the event, including the American Cancer Society, Freeman Sports Medicine, MADD, and the Olympic Fitness Center. A massage therapist was also present

to give massages to interested individuals.

"The massage therapist was really neat," said Michelle Moore, freshman undecided major. "I could handle a massage any day."

Faculty and staff were offered free health screenings for blood pressure, hemocult, fitness, and a chemistry profile. For a fee, faculty and staff could have a screen for prostate cancer, a complete blood count, urinalysis, and immunizations.

"The free screenings were offered for faculty and staff," Beeler said. "This gave them the chance to get everything done in one area for little or no price."

Glaucoma screenings were available to the staff, faculty and students free of charge.

Aerobics were held on Tuesday and Thursday, and yoga demonstrations took place on Wednesday.

"Part of getting people there was getting people to know about it," Beeler said. "This was a good thing to do during the month of February. There's not much to do during the spring semester."

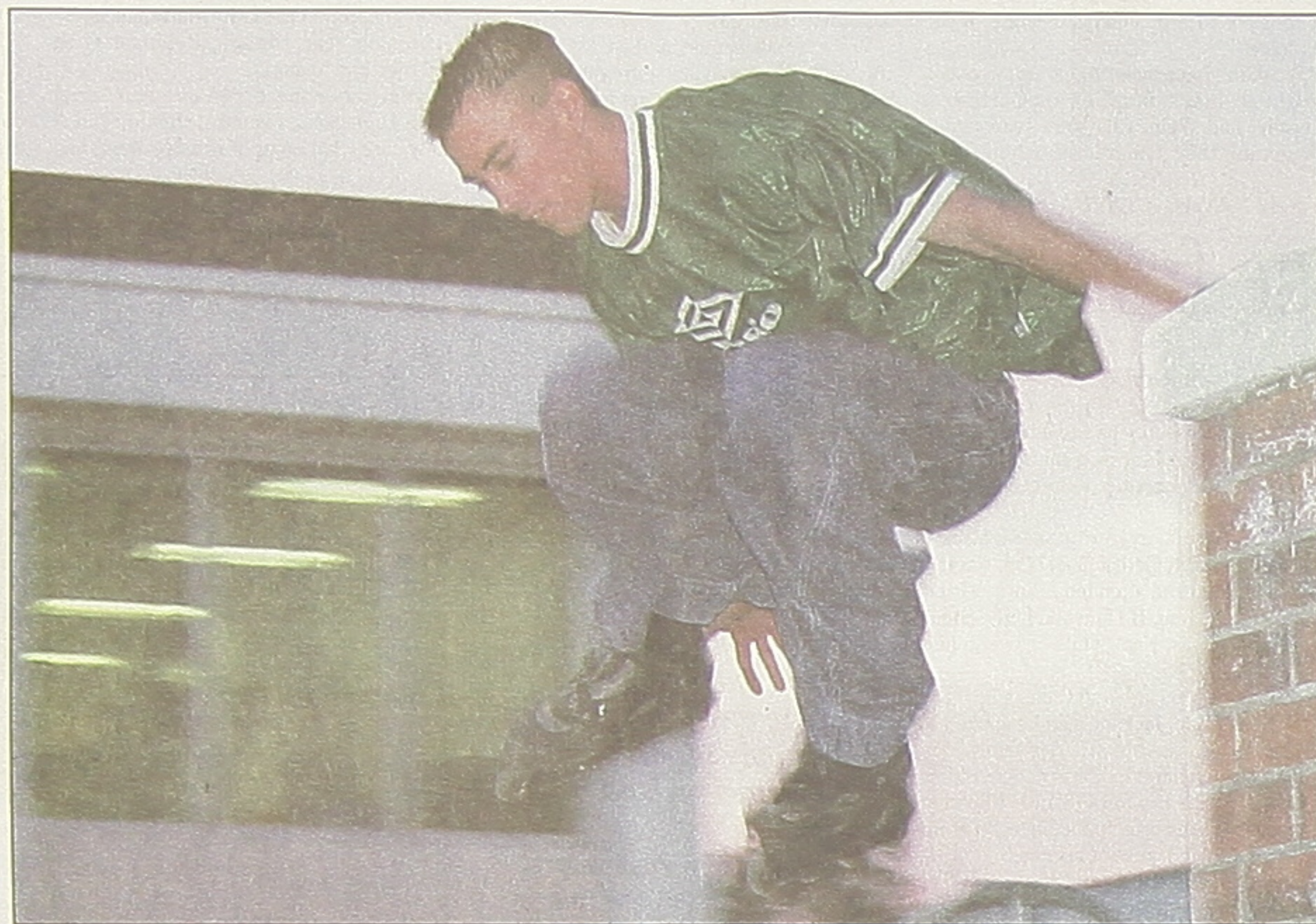
"Making students aware of these things is probably the hardest thing to do. I think the Kinesiology Club did a good job of advertising it this year. We'll have to look back at the feedback and see what kind of response it got." □

" This gave (staff and faculty) the chance to get everything done in one area for little or no price.

Sheri Beeler
Kinesiology
instructor

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CAMPUS ACTIVITIES



ERIN SELLERS/The Chart

Jackson Matthews, freshman elementary education major, shows off his skating skills jumping off the back steps outside of Webster Hall. Due to Matthews' rollerblading antics, campus security has removed him from various buildings around campus.

Skaters pose new campus security risks

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

The new fad this semester involves wind, speed, courage, and outdoors only.

Rollerblading is slowly becoming Missouri Southern's new favorite pastime, but in order to skate, one must stay outside the buildings.

According to campus security, students who choose to rollerblade on campus must stay out of the buildings to protect the College from liability.

Jackson Matthews, freshman elementary education major, was one of the two students rollerblading on the third floor of Spiva Library on Jan. 27.

"I had no idea it was against the rules to skate in the buildings," Matthews said. "I'm aware of the policy now."

Matthews said Shiloh Burchfield, sophomore mathematics/physics major, and he decided to go rollerblading, and as they were passing the library, they decided to go in and check their e-mail.

They had been at the computers for a couple of minutes when they were approached by a custodian who asked them to leave because they were going to mark up his floor.

"I had clear wheels; I couldn't have marked up the floor," Matthews said.

Burchfield was the second student rollerblading in the library. He said they weren't stopped at the front door, so they assumed it was all right.

"Some guy yelled at us about marking up his floor, so we left," Burchfield said.

After leaving the library, Matthews and Burchfield headed to the residence halls. They were then stopped there by Robert Frossard, a Southern security officer.

"He asked us 'What in the world were you boys doing on the third floor of the library?'" Burchfield said. "We said, 'We were checking our e-mail.'"

Frossard informed Matthews and Burchfield about the policy on rollerblading and let them go.

"They said they weren't aware of the policy," Frossard said. "So, I informed them of it."

"Security needs to be more lenient," Burchfield said. "We've fallen down before and gotten hurt, but we never sued the College."

Matthews has a suggestion for Southern.

"I think the policy is OK," he said. "But it needs to be posted." □



ERIN SELLERS/The Chart

Kaleb Smith, freshman undecided major, and Shiloh Burchfield, sophomore physics major, rollerblade outside Matthews Hall.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB

Organization offers cultural experiences without travel

By ANGIE WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

Meeting new people, learning about other cultures, and expanding one's knowledge are what makes the International Club work.

The International Club is for anyone interested in other cultures. It is open to everyone who wants to expand their knowledge and learn about other cultures.

"It's a wonderful club," said Tatiana Karmanova, director of the International Language Resource Center and adviser to the International Club. "People perceive the club as a club just for foreigners, but it's not."

She said the International Club is a benefit to both Americans and foreign exchange students. The older students help the new students adapt, and American students can learn about other cultures. Karmanova encourages all interested students to come to the club's weekly meetings at

12:15 p.m., Thursdays in Webster Hall, Room 315.

"You just have to contribute to be a member," Karmanova said. "To be a member of the club, just come to the meetings regularly and get involved in activities."

Egor Hanov, senior marketing and computer science major and president of the International Club, believes the club "brings us together."

Hanov is from Karaganda, Kazakhstan, near the former USSR. He came to America in 1994, and graduated from Neosho High School.

Hanov joined the International Club in 1995 upon coming to Missouri Southern. Scheduled to graduate in May, Hanov plans to work in Kansas City.

"Our doors are open," Hanov said. "There are no requirements and no obligation to get to know us."

The International Club sponsors many activities, the largest being a food fest. The fifth food fest is tentatively scheduled for March 12.

"Every semester, it's been so successful," Karmanova said.

Food fest is an event where participants have a chance to taste authentic home cooking from such countries as India, Vietnam, Japan, Poland, Russia, France, Germany, and Mexico.

"It's a chance to offer people a sample of dishes they normally don't have access to," Karmanova said.

International Club members are teaching free Spanish, German, and Japanese classes for children ages 8 to 13. Jessica Riddle teaches Spanish at the Joplin Public Library on Tuesdays from 4 to 5 p.m.

Nguvi Kahiha teaches German on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon at the Joplin Public Library.

Mayuka Ishii teaches Japanese on Mondays from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in Webster Hall Room 319.

The International Club is also having presentations of different cultures during weekly meetings, and interested persons are free to attend. □

INTRAMURALS

Polo minus ponies now recruiting

By BRIAN WIRTH
STAFF WRITER

It is time to break out those swim trunks a little early and get in the water because intramural water polo is almost here.

The intramural water polo league begins March 2 and concludes before spring break. Sign-up deadline is Friday, Feb. 26. Games will be played in the pool in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

A meeting for those who are playing will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, March 1. At the meeting, dates and times when everybody can play will be decided and a refundable \$10 playing fee will be collected. The winning team will be awarded with an intramural championship T-shirt.

"We will most likely be playing from 2 to 4 in the afternoon or 7:30 to 10:30 on Tuesday and Thursday nights," said Cindy Wolfe, intramural director.

If enough people sign up, there will be men's, women's, and coed divisions. A group of lifeguards from the pool formed a team that will be involved in the league.

"We thought this would be fun for us lifeguards to do, and I think it would be fun for anyone else who gets involved," said Chad Beckman, lifeguard.

As of now, only three coed teams have signed up to play. If enough teams get involved, a double elimination tournament will be held. If not, the teams will play each other two or three times in a league.

"Water polo was offered a few years ago and there was not much interest in it, but we are trying to get it going again," Wolfe said.

Not only is she trying to get water polo going again, but there is talk of an intramural swim meet to be held later this semester.

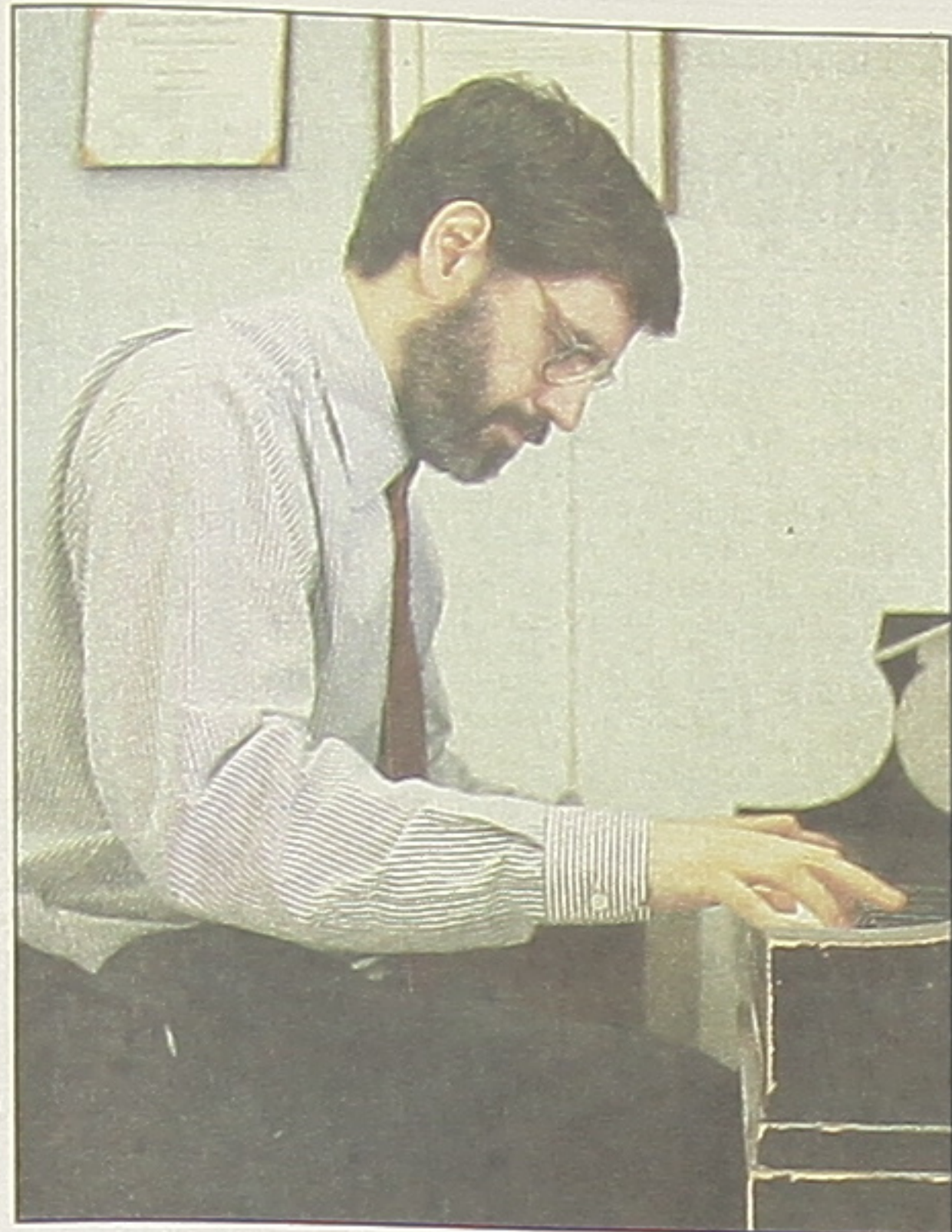
"We are kind of using this water polo league to see how many water bugs there are out there and if we should have the swim meet or not," Wolfe said.

The rules for water polo will be changed to make it easier for everybody. Players will have to swim for only five minutes without touching the bottom.

"You will be able to touch bottom or hang on to the side if you have to," Wolfe said. "We don't want anybody drowning out there."

"This will be a great way just to get in the water and have a good time." □

Ivories receive tickling from music professor



Dr. Henry Jones, professor of music, sits down in his office and enjoys a quick performance.

By CHRIS ROBERTS
STAFF WRITER

For the third time since arriving on the Missouri Southern campus, Dr. Henry Jones, assistant professor of music, will display his musical talents via piano recital.

At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, in Webster Hall auditorium, Jones will again mesmerize the audience with another piano performance. Twice before he has blessed the ears of students with musical classics from Bach to Beethoven. This year, Jones brings another line-up of classical greats.

"The program this year is unique in that it portrays a set of pictures," he said. "The first half of the show will be mostly pieces by Poulenc, which when written, was inspired by transportation. I actually found it on a used shelf in an old music store a while back and I just became fascinated with it."

"That in turn will be nicely complemented by the second half of the program, which is entirely pieces by Mussorgsky, who, in this particular instance, wrote music inspired by paintings of a friend who had recently died."

In addition to the musical pictures from Poulenc and Mussorgsky, Jones will play one of the most technically difficult pieces ever written.

"It's a piece written by Schumann that I used to fool around with back in high school," he said. "Usually I can get away with practicing less than most pianists, because I learn fairly quickly, but in this case I've found myself practicing four and five hours a day."

Even without the practice, Jones is no stranger to the piano. Since the age of 8, Jones has loved the piano.

"I suppose it was my older brothers who influenced me the most," he said. "They were both music majors, and so I naturally grew up with a lot of music around."

Though his first love is the piano, he has dabbled with other instruments like the organ and the harpsichord. He even went outside the piano realm during high school and "played the trumpet badly."

After high school, Jones attended Yale University, where he earned a B.A. in music. From there, he migrated to New York, where he became a freelance pianist, playing both in night clubs and more well-known venues like Carnegie Hall and the Lincoln Center. It was in New York where Jones met his true love, Stacey.

"She was a cabaret singer at the time and we had a performance together," he said. "A cabaret is a little bit different form of entertainment. It's usually performed in an intimate theatre or nightclub and is always just the lady singing and the pianist."

"We performed off and on for quite a while and eventually got married. When she got pregnant, we definitely wanted to move out of the city, so we went to Louisiana, where I earned my master's, and after a year in Minot, N.D., we ended up here."

Jones and his wife have two children who he says are "everything you could want."

He not only teaches at Southern, but is also a private instructor for some junior and senior high students.

"I just love music," he said. "I can't imagine liking anything else I would want to do with my life. I want to share that with as many people as I can."

Jones is excited about the upcoming recital and is hopeful many students will join he and his family as he paints his set of pictures. The concert is free and open to the public. □

ART LEAGUE

Trips and activities keep artists busy

Club expands horizons, prepares for grad school

By VINCE SWEENEY
STAFF WRITER

While the spring semester continues at Missouri Southern, the focus on beautiful pictures and graphic designs are keeping the art department busy.

V.A. Christensen, faculty sponsor of the Art League, said the club is a small core group. The league is currently sponsored by art majors and other people who take an interest in this field. The next meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday.

According to Christensen, the main focus this semester for the Art League will be a trip to Chicago during spring break. Some of the plans include sight-seeing and going to the Art Market.

"This is the second largest in the United States," Christensen said. "There are over 50 galleries to see, and, of course, the architecture. We will take in the sights and immerse ourselves in visual arts."

Brennan Hobart, senior graphic arts major, is preparing for a project in March. He and a group of other students are going to submit a portfolio of photographs to the International Photography Board.

Hobart says the portfolio will include a

composition of wilderness and other special effects. He is the only American student involved in this project.

"We are all real excited," Hobart said. "When you think about it, it's unprecedented for students at Southern to have this opportunity."

Christensen said next semester the art department will sponsor the Southern Showcase. He is hoping to have someone come in and help out with the show.

"This is not just limited to the art department," Christensen said. "We invite the non-artists to share their talents with the rest of the campus."

While not all the art students are international, Christensen says the current group of artists has quite a variety of backgrounds. Nydia Lopez, president of the group, comes from Mexico.

Christensen believes the art department has developed a strong relationship with schools in Sweden. He says eight Swedish students have come to Southern, and about half of them are involved in the art program.

"Overall, they have had positive experiences here and we have had successful students," Christensen said.

Lotta Rahmn, a post-graduate graphics major, is attending Southern through a Swedish exchange program. Her focus is creating ads, as well as design and illustrations in graphics.

"It's a nice department," Rahmn said. "There's good equipment. You learn a

"When you think about it, it's unprecedented for students at Southern to have this opportunity."

Brennan Hobart
Senior graphic arts major

lot and the teachers are nice."

Rahmn also works on sculpture painting and advanced print making. She came from Sweden to take graphics design classes and liked them so much she started another semester.

"I have learned much more here than I ever would have in Sweden," she said.

Being in this field still requires a fair share of art classes. Nine hours of art history also is required. He said the most important thing is being familiar with the computer systems.

"It's not hard," Sanders said. "It's just time consuming and can be frustrating at times. But I think it's fun."

"Art work is really adverse," Christensen said. "Art League has expanded their horizons and helped them getting into graduate school." □

PERFORMANCE ARTS

'Slam Pappy' makes show at bookstore

By ERIC GRUBER
ARTS EDITOR

For a good breakfast, it's sometimes wise to go to Denny's for the Breakfast Slam, but for a good dose of poetry, you soon will be able to get your fill with the cuisine of a poetry slam.

Marc Smith, founder of the slam poetry movement, will speak at the Cordell-Wilson Bookstore in Carthage at 8 p.m. today. Considered the 'Slam Pappy' of the movement, he will speak about slam poetry and read some of his own works and various well-known authors from a performance aspect such as E.E. Cummings.

"Slam poetry was started back in July 1986," Smith said from Chicago. "It was designed to make poetry reading an entertaining event."

This particular type of poetry involves reading as well as entertaining. Readers face competition and are judged by the audience. Prizes range from cash to gifts such as books and other literary items.

"We (slam poets) cut our chops through the performing," Smith said. "The competition aspect has forced poets to hone their skills."

Smith said he will be making stops at some high schools on his way to Carthage. Slam poetry has had increased interest in the educational realm.

"The slam is a very big thing in high schools across the country," he said.

The event is being put on by the Southwest Missouri Poetry Slam. Its founder, Michael Hoerman, said Smith's poetry slam helps connect the speaker to the audience in a more personal way.

"He started the slam to bring the poetry to an audience level," Hoerman said. "It's poetry that's put into the context of a competition."

This is not Smith's first time in the area. He has performed at the Spiva Center for the Arts twice before. Hoerman said Smith has always been pleased with the results.

"He likes it," Hoerman said. "He's really enthusiastic about our audiences."

The event will be followed by an open-mic, which the public is welcome to participate in.

The Cordell-Wilson Bookstore can be reached by taking the Brooklyn Heights exit on Highway 171 from Joplin to Carthage. Persons should take the south outer road approximately two miles on the left.

Anyone interested in more information can call (417) 358-9380. □

It was designed to make poetry reading an entertaining event.

Marc Smith
Founder of the
Slam Poetry
movement

Book delivers intensity with courtroom drama

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

In the course of 10 novels, John Grisham has established himself as the leading legalistic writer in the country. In his latest endeavor, *The Testament*,

Grisham delivers his usual tense courtroom drama but with a different perspective than his previous books.

Much of the story takes place in the intricate rivers of Brazil rather than a courthouse. Grisham sticks to his formula of plotting the "good" lawyer against the evils of the world, but this time the lawyer, Nate O'Reilly, has some demons of his own to overcome before he can win the battles that face him.

The Testament unfolds in self-made billionaire Troy Phelan's opulent office. Phelan's offspring gather like vultures waiting for his will, and the Phelan heirs

learn the \$11 billion fortune has escaped their grasp. The heirs receive a surprise when they realize Phelan has written a holographic will, revoking all former wills and leaving his fortune to an illegitimate child. Thus begins the quest to find Rachel Lane.

The reader enters the adventure with Nate, as the boat enters the magical and mysterious Pantanal. Enduring various tense moments involving alligators, anacondas, and a faulty motorboat, Nate and his fleet finally discover the settlement of Ipicas and Rachel Lane.

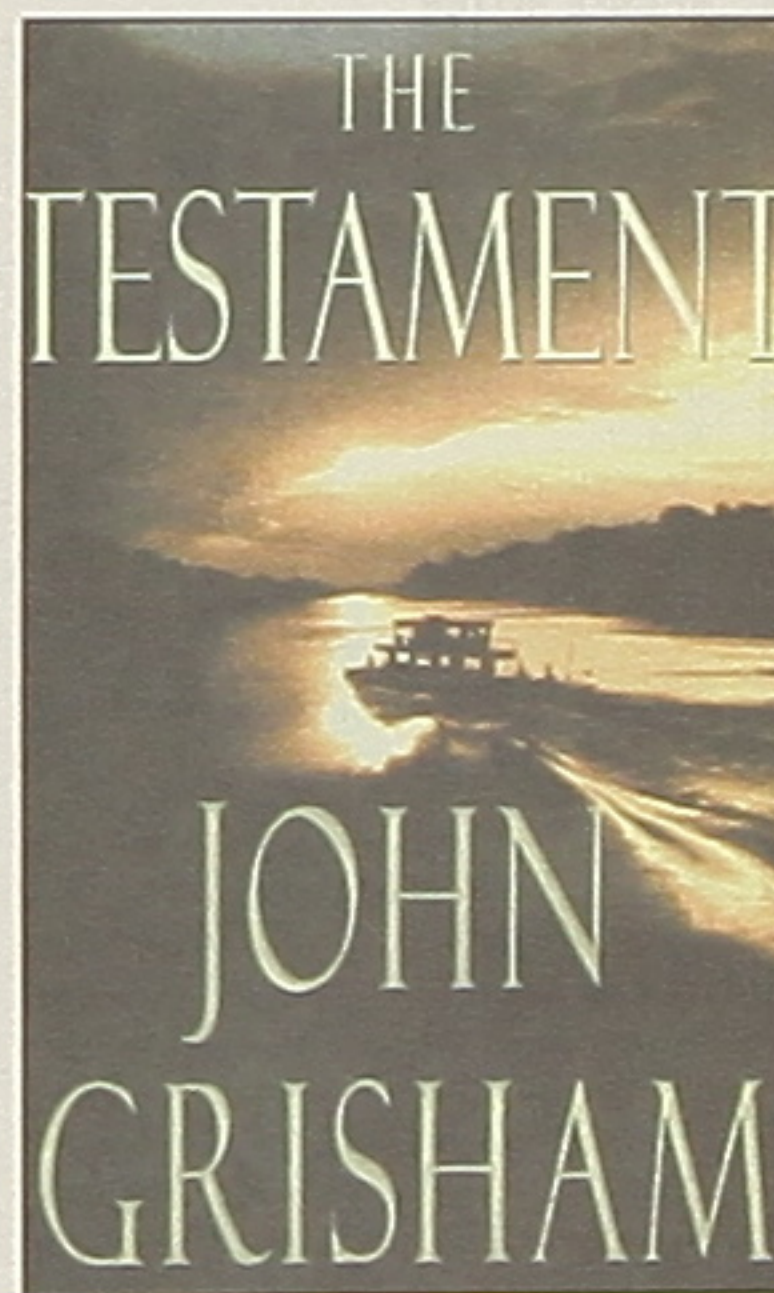
The chemistry between Nate and Rachel is unmistakable, but her calling as a missionary and chaste servant of God prevents a budding romance. Rachel calmly refuses the billions, saying she is happy as she is and content with her meager supplies.

At this point, Grisham switches the theme from money to one of salvation. Nate battles the demons of his past for the duration of the trip and reveals his tribulation to Rachel.

In one of the most touching passages in the novel, Rachel gives salvation in the form of hope and encouragement.

"Amen," she said. They opened their eyes but kept their hands together. They listened to the water as it rushed gently over the rocks. There was an odd sensation as his burdens seemed to be lifted; his shoulders felt lighter, his head clearer and his soul was less troubled."

Nate's trials and tribulations do not end with finding Rachel. Upon returning to Colombia, he has a case of the dengue fever. At the end, the astonishing secret



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of the testament is revealed, changing Nate's life forever.

A thrilling and fresh perspective into the world of legalese, *The Testament* delivers adventure as well as grilling cross-examinations in the end. Grisham does not disappoint his readers with this satisfying tale of adventure, coupled with the legal battleground his fans have come to expect. It would not be perjury to say this novel is well worth the read. □

Arts Showcase

Arts Calendar

If your organization has an event you would like publicized, call Eric Gruber at 625-9311.

■ The Southwest Missouri Poetry Slam presents Marc Smith, the founder of the poetry slam. For more info call (417) 358-3980.

Today

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8 p.m.—

Marc Smith "Slam Pappy"
Cordell-Wilson Bookstore

Monday

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Spiva Art Exhibition
For Info: 625-9563

Tuesday

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7:30 p.m.—

Faculty Piano Recital
Dr. Henry Jones
Webster Auditorium

Thursday

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7 p.m.—

Jeans Lecture in History
"Robert E. Lee on Slavery"
Webster Auditorium

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Nonresidential building boosts Joplin economy

The amount of nonresidential construction rose in 1998 by 40 percent from 1997, according to a report from the F.W. Dodge Division of the McGraw-Hill Co. Despite a 96 percent loss of contracts in December, the year-end amount totaled \$66.5 million, compared to \$47.4 million in 1997. Residential construction contracts rose 5 percent, from \$60 million in 1997 to \$63.1 million in 1998. Total building contracts spiked 21 percent in 1998, with a showing of \$129.6 million in contracts. □

Missouri Gas Energy to lower gas commodity rate

Permission has been granted to Missouri Gas Energy to lower the natural gas commodity rate because of falling gas prices. The reduction was effective on Feb. 1. The reduction lowers the commodity price of natural gas by approximately 10.32 percent. Customers' bills were affected by various degrees, depending on the amount of gas used. Gas prices escalated across the nation two years ago. With the current decrease, customers will pay a rate nearly 40 percent less than the peak price in the winter of 1997. □

OccuMed clinic offers new branch, health facility

Freeman Health System, with the support of McCune-Brooks Hospital, has announced the opening of its OccuMed clinic at 1634 Missouri St. in Carthage. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The clinic serves Carthage-area companies as a key provider of work injury treatment and therapy, post-offer physicals, drug and alcohol testing, DOT physicals, on-site medical services, executive physicals, radiology services, disability rating, exposure management, and travel medicine. McCune-Brooks Hospital is available to area employers for clinical support services and after-hours care. □

Nevada R-5 School District presents economic seminar

The Nevada R-5 School District has joined former economic development director Alan Kenyon for a seminar Saturday on the entrepreneurship. The seminar is scheduled from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Participants will take an inventory of personal successes, failures, and characteristics to evaluate the potential for being their own boss. Cost of the program is \$40, and includes software developed by Kenyon. For more information, persons may call (417) 448-2016. □

Photography competition showcases area exhibition

The 22nd national photography competition, Photo Spiva '99, will open today at the George A. Spiva Center for the Arts. The event will be judged this year by world renowned photographer George Tice. The exhibition features 84 photographs, ranging from traditional black and white to new photographic processes.

This year's winners include first place, Thomas Ohman, Joplin; second place, John Beal, Fort Scott, Kan.; and third place, Donna Connell, Richmond, Va. Exhibition hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Interested persons may call (417) 623-0813 for more information. □

Missouri Millennium 2000 program to teach safety

The Missouri Division of Highway Safety will be hosting the new Missouri Millennium 2000 program on Feb. 26 in the Anderson Justice Center at Missouri Southern.

The mayor of Joplin will be present at a 10:30 a.m. press conference. The program encompasses the idea of following safe procedures while driving. Do to the escalation of highway fatalities, the bill was signed Jan. 12. □

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Route 71 acquires safety improvements

By MARLA HINKLE
CITY NEWS EDITOR

Heavy traffic flow is just one of the reasons the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is recommending an alignment for the new U.S. Route 71 from Anderson Mo., to the Missouri-Arkansas line. The new limited-access four-lane road will allow traffic entering from Route EE to avoid mingling with local traffic, minus the right-angle turns or stops on the existing U.S. Route 71.

A service road, located just east of the current Route EE-U.S. Route 71 intersection, would be a part of the new construction. The road would provide access to the new highway from the west side.

Route H would also be relocated to connect with Route 71 at the current Route K intersection. Several improvements will be offered by the new addition, according to Richard Walter, MoDOT Southwest District engineer.

"Although we considered a number of possible alignments, we believe that the recommended alignment will best serve to pro-

vide safety improvements and to enhance the potential for economic development on both sides of the new highway," Walter said.

Existing U.S. Route 71 will be relocated to the east of the new highway. MoDOT district officials will recommend the existing highway to be renamed U.S. Business Route 71.

According to Linda Stein, district public affairs manager at MoDOT, the advisory committee evolved due to input from the community as well as business owners. Residential safety was one of the main concerns.

"Basically, we looked at a number of different alternatives and established an advisory committee," Stein said. "We also did a direct mail service to find out what the public thought."

Stein expressed a concern for the danger posed to regular traffic from large semi-trucks that tend to take up a majority of the road space on two-lane highways. Unfortunately for Joplin's congested Range Line, there is no immediate solution.

"We are still working on improvements to the busy Range Line,"



MARLA HINKLE/The Chart

Construction continues on the new stretch of highway over Indian Creek from Anderson to Pineville, Mo.

Stein said. "However, efforts are being made to reduce the traffic flow."

The proposed alignment will be presented by MoDOT with design details at a public hearing early this summer.

MoDOT officials hope the event

will gather future input from area residents, property owners, and business owners. The recommendation and comments gathered at the public hearing will be submitted to MoDOT administration officials in Jefferson City.

If the senior statewide adminis-

tration approves the recommendation, it will be submitted to the Missouri

Highway and Transportation Commission (MHTC) for final approval. Funding for the plan is included in MoDOT's five-year construction plan. □

JOPLIN HUMANE SOCIETY



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

A pair of puppies peer behind the cages at the Joplin Humane Society in hopes of waiting to find a new home.

Pets await adoption, new homes

By CALE RITTER
STAFF WRITER

Volunteer services provided by Pet Finder are now offering an Internet service for the Joplin Humane Society.

This local animal chapter now shows animals on the World Wide Web.

Pet Finder, whose founder comes from the Joplin area, recently went nationwide.

The organization takes pictures of animals and posts them on the Web site.

The site can be found at www.petfinder.org in the shelter index. It then asks for a zip code and locates the nearest participating shelter.

"Hopefully it will help increase the number of animals adopted," said Wayne Cunningham, shelter manager.

The Joplin Humane Society depends a great deal on public support.

It receives financial support from fund-raisers and donations and gets additional help from the volunteer program.

Volunteers do some of the things the staff doesn't always have time to do.

Some examples are exercising animals, bathing puppies, and laying down newspapers.

"So far the volunteer program has been real helpful," Cunningham said.

This local shelter takes in about 6,000 animals per year. Approximately 30 percent are adopted while the others are destroyed.

"The current method of euthanasia is carbon monoxide gas," said Eden Giebler, a freshman biology major at Missouri Southern who works part-time at the shelter.

"We're trying to go to lethal injection because it is more humane, but we need a lot more financial support. With lethal injection, the animals don't feel a thing."

Giebler is the only part-time worker at the Humane Society. She works with four full-time employees. The staff is forced to be small due to lack of funds.

"It works with my schedule since I have night class, and my love of animals," she said. "I love dogs especially."

Some of her duties include cleaning, feeding, and watering during the morning hours.

The rest of the day she helps with the customers, vaccinates, and checks up on the animals.

"Sometimes we take a break and play with our favorites," Giebler said. The adoption process, paperwork and all, takes about 15 minutes. Dogs cost \$45, cats \$40.

This price includes the first set of shots, worming, and spaying or neutering.

Animals are given about two weeks once they are put up for adoption. This time depends on space and the

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Wayne Cunningham
Humane Society
manager

health of the animal.

"If you have children, you may want to come out by yourself first," Cunningham said.

"If there are going to be other family members dealing with the pet, have them come out and deal with the pet as well."

The shelter receives many pure-bred animals as well as mixed breeds.

Animals are tagged if they are wild or should be handled with caution for the customer's safety.

"We try to focus on educating the public about spaying and neutering," Cunningham said. "Hopefully, it will curb the number of unwanted animals." □

PARK ACADEMY

Free services work toward better health

Organization offers screenings

By PHYLLIS DETAR
STAFF WRITER

Operation Community Health promotes health screening services for heart disease, cancer, and diabetes in neighborhoods.

The purpose is to address risk factors for these leading causes of death in the adult population.

The service is offered on a rotation basis at the Park Academy facility, 102 Schifferdecker, the Washington Education Center, 1112 E. Second, and the St. John's Regional Medical Center lobby.

The screenings occur every fourth Saturday, except when they might interfere with a holiday. The next screenings take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27 at Park Academy.

"Our goal was to try to make screening and information available by offering it at off hours on Saturday and to neighborhoods," said Terry Wachter, vice president of mission and ministry at St. John's Regional Medical Center.

"We screen for high blood pressure, bad cholesterol, and high blood sugar."

The operation is based on the belief that if people were made aware of their risk factors, they are more likely to adjust their lifestyle.

When results are high on a screening, contacting a physician is recommended. A follow-up letter encourages the individual to see a doctor, and an attendant assists persons with finding a doctor if they do not have one.

The screening services are available free of charge. If a patient does not have insurance or cannot afford a visit to a doctor, he or she is directed to either the Community Clinic or the Joplin City Health Department. Services for children are also offered.

"For children, communicable diseases are the highest risk factor to their health," Wachter said. "We offer them immunizations in partnership with the Joplin City Health Department."

August is one of the busiest months because a child is not allowed to start school without being immunized.

"As a health department, we provide the vaccinating materials," said Dan Pekarek, head of the Joplin City Health Department.

"We bring a bunch of our staff the last Saturday prior to the beginning of school to help."

It helps not just us as far as that busy time is concerned, but it helps other city health departments also during that big push."

Screening and immunizations are services the operation offers regularly. Seeing 175 patients a day is average, Wachter said. At times, other services are available.

A representative of the Bureau of Dental Health participates in screenings and instruction on dental care.

Some podiatrists do foot screenings, usually when the operation takes place in the lobby at St. John's every third month. In August, the EPA will be there to conduct lead screening on children.

"In October and November, we will give some 400 flu shots," Wachter said.

"Operation Community Health has been functioning for about five years and is funded through a grant from Mercy Regional Health Foundation."

It is operated by a 100 percent volunteer staff. The grant covers supplies. The service survives because of its volunteers." □

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Funds run dry before completion of project

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Due to a lack of funding, the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is exiting from its 15-year plan a few years early.

A statement from MoDOT explains the project is so far over-budget that it will be more effective to focus on needs that can be met in the next five years.

"The initial cost estimates for the 15-Year Plan were inaccurate," it said. "The analysis conducted by MoDOT shows that the costs of the Plan were under-estimated by approximately \$3.8 billion in 1992 dollars, a 27 percent variance."

The plan, according to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin), was passed with a six-cent increase on gasoline.

"Then, seven years into it, we find out we are billions of dollars short in revenue in order to complete the 15-year program," he said.

"Now there's egg on the faces of all the department heads in the highway department as well as the governor's office."

The plan has now evolved into a shorter project to be completed within five years.

"In their wisdom they went back and reevaluated the 15-year program and had numerous other outside agencies come in and evaluate their cost methods," Burton said. "They changed the 15-year program

into a five-year program hitting the priority areas."

Burton says the department will continue to add a new year to the end of five years until completion, so the project will be, in essence, rolling.

MoDOT says extending the projects over time would only cost more.

"The longer you delay construction, the bigger the funding gap," the statement said. "That's because the costs of construction grow faster than the natural rate of growth in MoDOT's state and federal revenues."

Burton says road projects in the original 15-year program are included in the five-year plan, and that these projects are something the Highway Department thinks it can

accomplish with existing revenues.

"The Range Line Bypass will be included in that as well as the completion of Highway 71 and eventually the start of making 71 an interstate highway from Joplin to Kansas City," Burton said. "That would be very important to the citizens of Joplin because it would create a major thoroughfare between Louisiana and Minnesota."

Burton says while existing monies may cover the project for the next five years, eventually the department will need extra funding.

"I would guess that either this year or next year the Highway Department will come to the legislature to try to generate some new revenues of some sort." □

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS BRIEFS

Rolla fraternity house fire leaves one member dead

State Fire Marshal's investigators are still trying to determine the cause of Saturday's deadly fire at a University of Missouri-Rolla fraternity house.

Twenty-one-year-old Jered Adams of Chesterfield died of smoke inhalation in the blaze, which broke out in the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house in the early morning hours. Adams' body was found in a hallway outside of his room in the basement of the building.

Rolla Fire Chief Keith Crowell is not optimistic a cause will be found because most of the wreckage of the house has collapsed into the basement. Crowell said smoke detectors in the building did work, but the house did not have a sprinkler system. □

SLU student receives diagnosis of meningitis

A Saint Louis University student was diagnosed with a form of meningitis and was in serious condition earlier this week.

University officials refused to identify the victim, but said the student was a junior who came down with flu-like symptoms on Feb. 10. As a result, more than 100 fellow students who came in contact with the victim were given antibiotics. □

Southeast holds event featuring music, magic

Magician David Copperfield and the Goo Goo Dolls, one of the most promising young bands in America, are coming to the Show Me Center at Southeast Missouri State University.

The show will be the centerpiece of Southeast's 125th Anniversary April Showcase Month.

Copperfield, who has been called "The World's Greatest Illusionist," will present two shows on April 7. Tickets are \$45 for floor-level seats, \$38 for first-level seats, \$29 for second-level seats, and \$25 for second-level corner seats. Southeast students will receive a \$14 discount.

The Goo Goo Dolls feature John Rzeznick on vocals and guitar, Robby Takac on bass and vocals, and Mike Malinin on drums.

The Goo Goo Dolls will perform at 8 p.m. on April 9. Tickets are \$20. □

Competition results in food, money for needy

An annual competition between two Central Missouri State University student organizations last week resulted in a large number of food items and financial gifts that will benefit Warrensburg families in need.

From Feb. 8-12, Central's Association for Social Work Students challenged the Sociology Club to a contest to determine who could collect the most food for the Warrensburg Food Center.

This marked the second year for the competition and for the second year those from the Sociology Club claimed victory and the contest trophy.

A total of 1,452 food items were collected between both organizations, as well as \$107 in monetary gifts. Every item collected were delivered to the Food Center on Feb. 12.

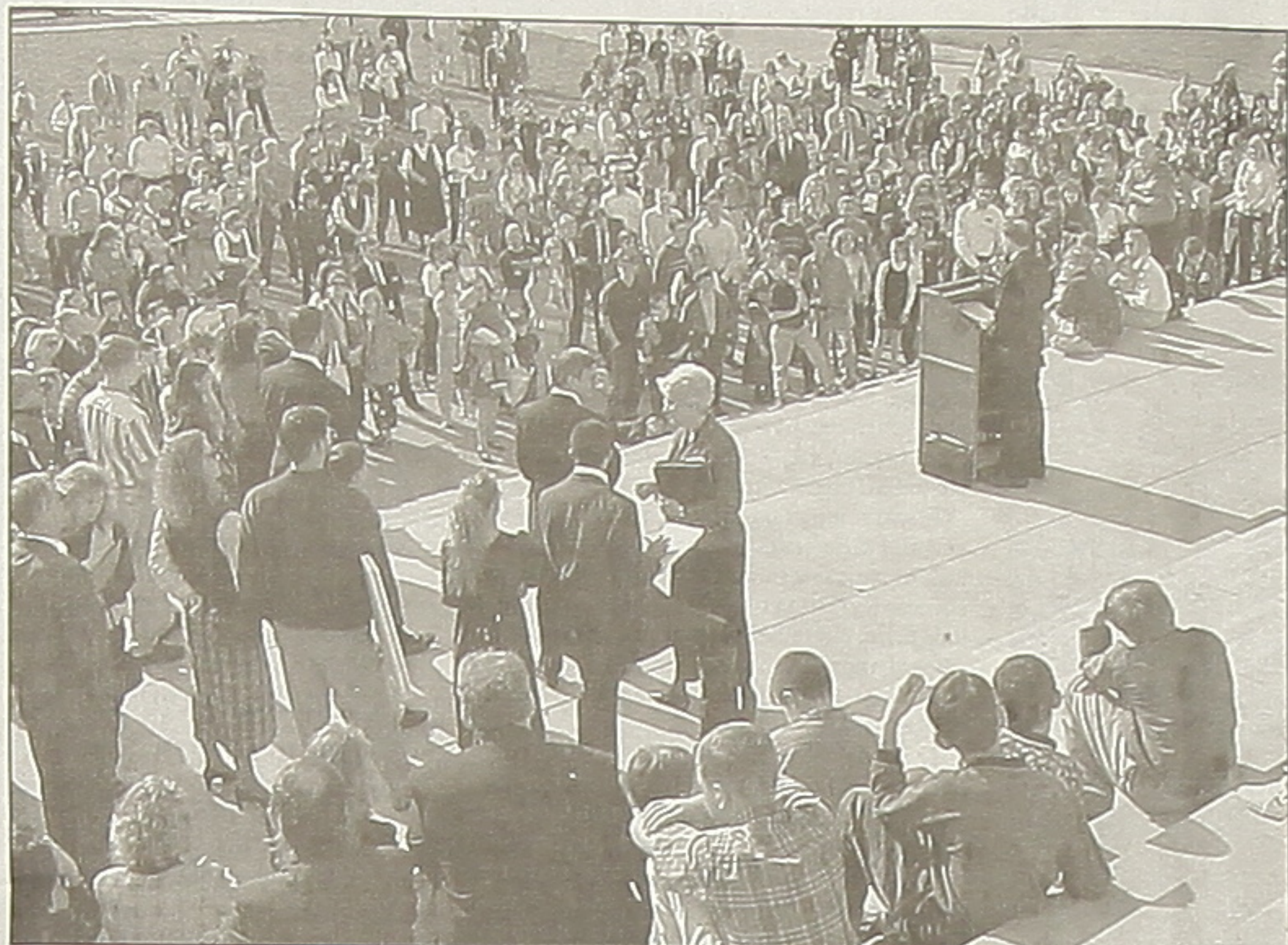
"Last year, we collected a little more than 600 items and about \$70 in cash," said Donna Nieckula, faculty adviser to the Association for Social Work Students. "We more than doubled our food and cash donations, so we feel pretty good about it." □

Community college extends president search

St. Louis Community College at Florissant Valley has extended its search for a president until April 2, Chancellor Vivian Blevins recently announced.

The Florissant Valley campus has been without a president since Feb. 1, 1997, when Dr. Irving McPhail left for a chancellor's job in Baltimore. □

EDUCATION COMMITTEE



People opposing legislation which regulates home schools rally on the front steps of the State Capitol last week.

Bill incites home educators rally

Legislation would mandate state exams

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—Protests from an estimated 300 to 400 members of the home education lobby filled the Capitol lawn last week, perhaps effectively ending any hope for House Bill 540.

HB540, sponsored by Bill Skaggs (D-Kansas City) would require students involved in home schooling to participate in state assessment tests. The bill was heard in the education committee Feb. 9, which spurred the front lawn rally.

"The committee chairman says it will not pass out of committee," Skaggs said.

He said the number of people who showed up to protest is not unusual, and he doesn't see a reason for legislators to give up on it.

"I'm shocked at the number of people who think it's a good idea but are

afraid to support it," Skaggs said.

Diane McLelland, lobbyist for Families for Home Education, thinks the bill suffered for two reasons.

"I believe it's both a lobbying effort and convictions of the representatives," she said.

"They feel that parents have the right to make decisions about their children."

Skaggs has no problem with home schooling, but desires more regulations.

"If a person wants to home school, that's fine with me," he said. "I would like to have a method to make sure they are doing a good job."

"It's absolutely beyond me for a parent to not want to be sure their children are doing well."

McLelland is not convinced of the validity of assessment tests.

"State assessment tests for public schools are a relatively new thing," she said.

"They are not adequately doing what what they were intended to do in public schools, let alone anybody else."

McLelland said home schools should be exempt, as are other schools not affiliated with the state.

"There just isn't any reason for them to take the test," she said. "Private, parochial, and home schools don't need to take them because they are accountable to the parents as opposed to the state."

Nathan Moss, a December 1998 Missouri Southern graduate with a physics degree who is employed as an engineer at Eagle-Picher, was home schooled. He opposes the legislation.

"Part of it is that it is government intrusion," Moss said.

"One of the benefits we enjoy in home schooling is the freedom to cover things that we think are important."

Moss said enforcing assessment tests sets a curriculum for home-schooled individuals, which, he says, goes against the principle of home schooling.

"It doesn't allow us the flexibility," he said. "The advantage of home schooling is we are able to modify things." □

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

High schools face free press possibilities

By GINNY DUMOND
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.—High school students across the state may be hearing the bells of freedom ringing in their ears due to proposed legislation that would extend First Amendment rights to high school newspapers.

House Bill 245, sponsored by Rep. Joan Bray (D-St. Louis), would require all state high schools to draft publications statements to include freedom of the students to publish material that is not obscene, defamatory, or probable to bring harm to another person. This publication would be without censorship of school administrators.

"I think the First Amendment is a very important part of the Bill of Rights, and even if students aren't going to be journalists long-term, it teaches about their rights under the First Amendment, their responsibility," Bray said. "This teaches that you have to take responsibility for what you say and what you publish and you have to be able to defend it."

The proposed legislation would overturn a 1988 United States Supreme Court decision, *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier*. However, Bray says Kansas, Iowa, and Arkansas already have overturned the decision in their state legislatures.

"It *Hazelwood v. Kuhlmeier* said that administrators can censor, and I think that was a misguided decision," she said.

Ronna Sparks, newspaper adviser at Joplin High School, said legislators do not realize the impact of enacting this type of legislation.

"The bad thing is that the people who are overturning this law are not in high schools every day," she said. "They don't know what it's like to be a teacher."

Because the bill puts the responsibility of libel on students, Sparks believes it will put teachers in a difficult situation.

"It's my obligation to protect my students," she said. "I wouldn't let them publish something that would put them in a precarious situation."

Bray thinks mistakes made in publications will only give the schools a greater teaching capability.

"So, a student makes a mistake," she said. "I'm astounded that administrators can't see mistakes as an opportunity for learning."

Teaching about real-world experiences is an added bonus to the legislation, Bray said.

"What better way to teach your responsibility under the Bill of Rights than by practical experience," she said. "High schools need to be preparing students for long-term citizenship."

Sparks said real-world experience includes dealing with restrictions and regulations.

"I think that giving them free rein to write whatever they want isn't letting them see the real world," she said. □

INTERN: Experience affords opportunities

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for a student to manage financially," she said.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) says the benefits of having an active Capitol internship program are immeasurable.

"I wish Missouri Southern would pick up a consistent internship program," he said. "One in which they would cover some of the cost of staying in Jefferson City."

Adam Crumbliss, 1995 Joplin High School graduate, interns with Burton through Southwest Missouri State University.

He thinks the experience has been invaluable to his education.

"Internships in the State Capitol open up opportunities for your professional career, but also it allows you to network and meet people," he said. "But the biggest and most valuable thing I've gotten out of it is just education in how our government really works."

St. Clair says she thinks it would be an

asset to have more students representing the College in Capitol internships.

"It would be highly advantageous to the College to have interns in Jefferson City every year," she said.

"It's always good to have a presence there."

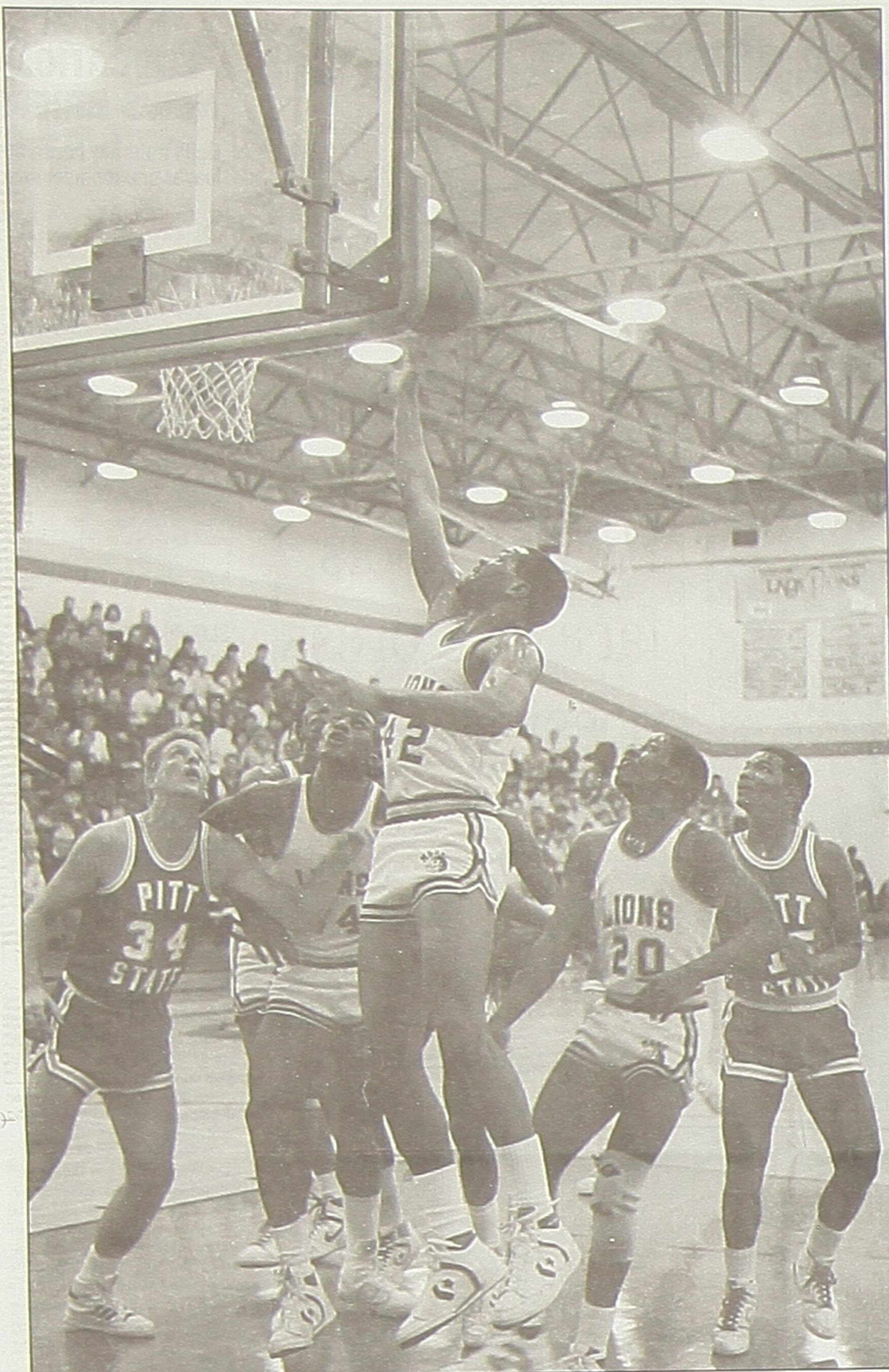
"It goes beyond a college education and gives additional insight into what state government is all about regardless of an individual's area of study," Burton said. "There are just so many lessons to be learned up here; you have a complete gamut of interests and people up here."

Crumbliss says he thinks the importance of interning and internship programs are mutually advantageous for the student and the institution.

"It helps the school really fulfill its mission of creating educated persons," he said. "And it helps the college indirectly by having a positive influence at the Capitol." □



Adam Crumbliss, left, serves as an intern with Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) in Jefferson City.



FILE PHOTO

Teams bid farewell to old gym

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

It could not have been set up any better — a doubleheader against the Pittsburg State Gorillas to end a 31-year stay at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Southern's women's team did not play their first game at Young Gymnasium until Dec. 12, 1974. The Lions and Lady Lions faced PSU in their first games at Young Gymnasium. The men lost 62-55 and the women won 69-60.

Sallie Beard, women's athletic director and Lady Lion head coach from 1974-77, said it is ironic that PSU will be Southern's final opponent in the last game at Young Gymnasium. "It's kind of neat because it's what athletics is all about," Beard said. "If it weren't for rivalries, if it weren't for emotions, if it wasn't for commitment and loyalty, then what's the point?"

The men's team holds the edge against the Gorillas at home with an 18-11 record. The women's team is 17-7 in Young Gymnasium against PSU.

"The rivalry has grown so much since then," Beard said. "If we were somehow able to go through a time warp back to that game [in 1974], it would be anti-climactic compared to the atmosphere we have now. The rivalry was not nearly as fierce."

Jim Frazier, men's athletics director, said his memories lie mostly in rivalries with Drury, but when PSU came to town it was always a hot ticket.

"We had some great rivalries with Drury over the years," Frazier said. "We had some sellouts in the last five years or so with Pittsburg. Recently, our success level hasn't been very high, so we're anxious to get out of here and get to a new facility."

Beard, then known as Sallie Roper, guided the Lady Lions to a 35-21 mark in her three seasons as head coach.

"There are many endearing times that I can think of and lots of faces come to mind," Beard said. "All of the teams I coached from 74-77 have special places in my heart. And I can't help think of Becky Fly (1982-86), Margaret Womack (1982-86), Anita Rank (1984-88), the team that was a national runner-up (1981-82), Pam Brisby (1978-82), and Brenda Pitts-Jennings (1978-82)."

Next year, the Lions will move to the Leggett & Platt Athletic, and Frazier said he won't shed any tears to leave Young Gymnasium.

"It's been a less than adequate facility, and I'm anxious to get out of it," he said. "Our locker room arrangement is inadequate, and our spectator seating is, too. Our scoreboard did not meet NCAA specifications."

"We're going to have a very attractive scoreboard, six locker rooms, and chair-back seating," he said. "We're going to be one of the Jones'. I personally cannot sit in those bleachers for two ball games because it kills my back."

While Frazier is looking forward to the broader fan support base, Beard said she will miss the comfy confines of Young Gymnasium but knows it's time for a change.

"There's a degree of sadness and maybe apprehension in leaving our warm, cozy home," Beard said. "I do think it's an exciting time."

Men's head coach Robert Corn, who played at Southern from 1976-78 and has coached here for 10 seasons, said Young Gymnasium has sentimental value but he cannot let it interfere with his coaching on Saturday.

"Deep down inside, I'll know that it's that last game and it'll be sad," he said. "However, it'll also be sad for those who have been a part of the program for many years."

Both teams have a winning tradition at Young Gymnasium. The Lions are 288-139 through 31 years, and the Lady Lions are 208-88 in 25 years. Beard said the winning tradition should continue in the new facility.

"I expect us to have the same kind of winning tradition that we have already established," Beard said. "I would be disappointed if it were anything other than that. I think the new facility will enable us to do many things we haven't been able to do." □



FILE PHOTOS



Kenealy explodes, Lady Lions defeated

By ANDRE L. SMITH
SPORTS/DESIGN EDITOR

Another stellar performance from junior forward Lyndsey Kenealy was overshadowed by Missouri Southern's 80-74 overtime loss to Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium.

Kenealy hit seven of 16 shots and was perfect in 10 attempts from the free throw line for 24 points off the bench. She also grabbed 14 rebounds. Kenealy had nine of her points in overtime.

"She hit big free throws in overtime to keep us in the game," said Southern head coach Amy Townsend. "They had some girls who hit big 3s for them."

Southern led 64-62 in regulation after a Kenealy lay-up with 3:42 left. The next series down the court, Eriaka Phillips, who had 23 points for Missouri-Rolla, hit a jumper to deadlock the game at 64. Neither team scored in the final three minutes.

In overtime, it took the Lady Lions two minutes to score. But during that time, Rolla ripped off six points to open a 70-64 lead. Phillips had 10 of her points in overtime.

"I knew we had a really good chance to win and it made me mad to see them ahead on the scoreboard because that was our game," Kenealy said. "It was like they were taking it from us."

The loss eliminates the Lady Lions (6-17, 2-11) from having any chance of making the MIAA playoffs.

"Everyone was just really disappointed," said sophomore center Sara Jones. "We needed this one to go to the tournament, and it was disappointing that we couldn't pull it out."

Kenealy dropped 25 points, but the Lady Lions were walloped 103-49 by Truman State in Kirksville Feb. 13. The Lady Lions shot a mere 22 percent for the game, compared to 59 percent for the Lady Bulldogs.

"Lyndsey Kenealy had a great weekend," Townsend said. "An excessive amount of fouls were called against Truman State, and it's hard to set a tempo in a game like that. The difference was they shot 59 percent and we shot 22."

Wendi Sobaski sparked the Lady Bulldogs with 23 points. Senior Mandy Olson added nine for the Lady

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Lyndsey Kenealy
Lady Lions forward

Lions. Truman State out-rebounded the Lady Lions 52-29.

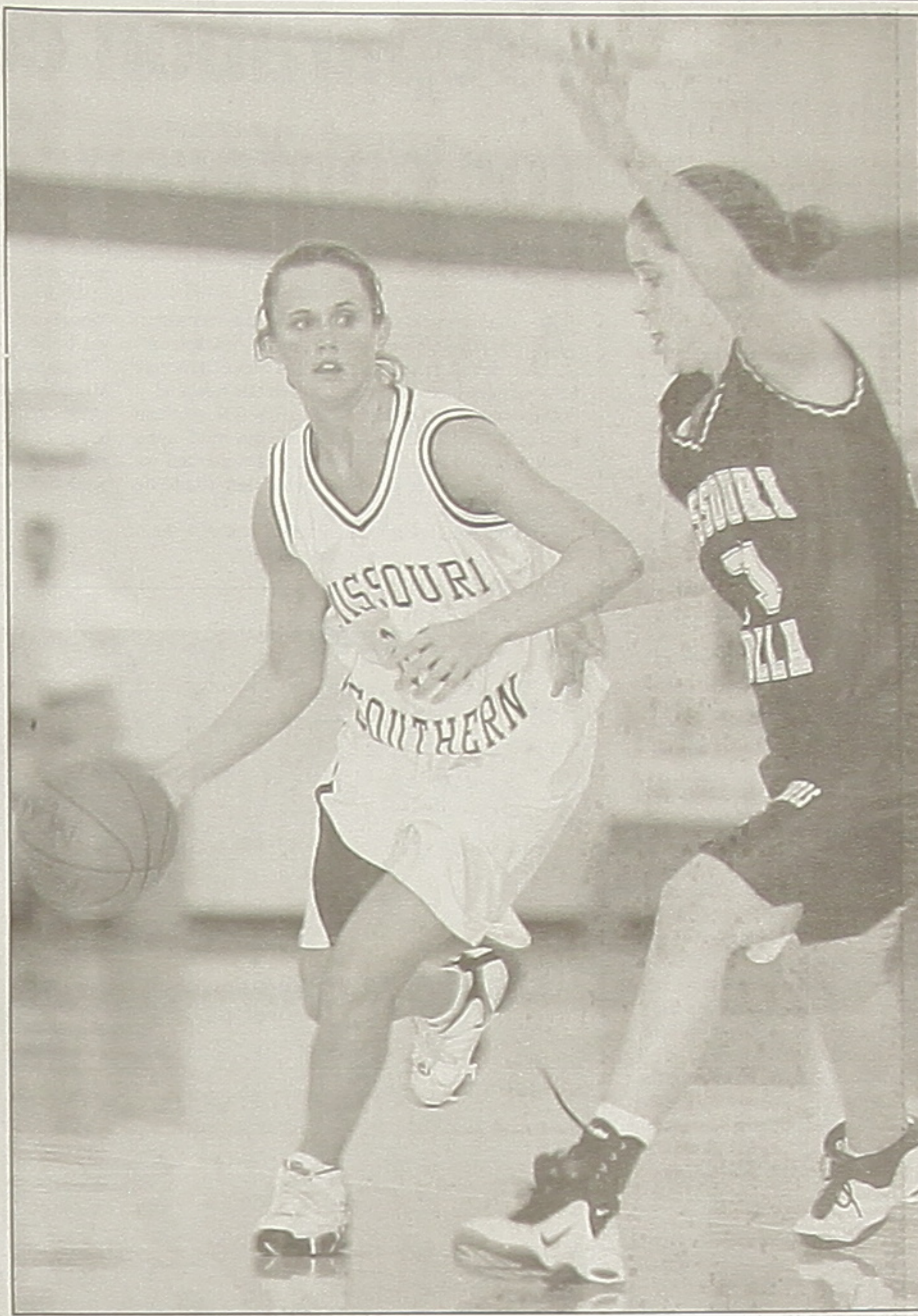
On Feb. 11, the Lady Lions lost at Missouri Western, 78-62.

Saturday night, Pittsburg State comes to town to play in the final game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. Earlier this season, the Lady Lions lost 71-58 in a game that saw PSU visit the free throw line 42 times.

The Lady Gorillas, who are 17-8 overall and 9-6 in the MIAA after losing to Southwest Baptist Wednesday night, have already clinched a spot in the MIAA playoffs.

"This is it for us," Jones said. "We have to lay it all on the line."

The game starts at 6 p.m. □



Junior guard Chara Oldfield dribbles by Missouri-Rolla's 5-foot-10 sophomore Miranda Beadles as she attempts to steal the ball in Southern's 80-74 Wednesday night loss to the Lady Miners. NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

TRACK: Dotson earns first place in high jump, Lady Lions run strong at Central Missouri State preparation meet

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of the players are moving higher up the ladder.

"LaMonte Styles and Stephen Kindell have really improved," Rutledge said. "We have got a great group of young guys; they just need a little growing up."

Junior high jumper Kevin Dotson earned first place at Central Missouri State with a jump of 6-8.

Southern's women's track and field team is now at full strength for the weekend conference meet.

"We are peaking just at the right time," said Patty

Vavra, head coach. "This is really the first week we have had everybody healthy and not fighting sickness."

The week off seemed to be a good thing for the Lady Lions as the team ran strong at CMSU.

"We had a really good meet," Vavra said. "We had four girls earn a provisional qualifying mark, as well as school records."

Those provisional qualifiers include senior shot put and weight thrower Stephanie Wainscott, senior distance runner Amanda Harrison, and senior sprinter and hurdler Tina Keller.

"Stephanie qualified in the shot put and weight throw," Vavra said. "She has just gotten better and better every meet."

Wainscott threw a school record of 45-6 1/2 in the shot put and 48-8 1/4 in the weight throw, also setting a new school record.

Harrison won the mile, had a provisional qualifying time, and set a school record as well.

Keller won the 55-meter hurdles, improved her provisional mark, and set a school record. Keller also placed second in the 400-meter dash and set a new school record with a time of 8.21.

"Tina had been right on the edge of breaking it a couple of times already," Vavra said. "She was finally able to break it, and did so very well."

Other Lady Lions to place were long distance runner Emily Petty, who placed third in the 3,000-meters, and Margaret Miklovic, who placed second in the 800-meters in only her second race this season due to injury.

The Lions and Lady Lions will head back to Central Missouri State University this weekend to take on the rest of the conference in the scheduled two-day meet as they compete in the MIAA championships. □

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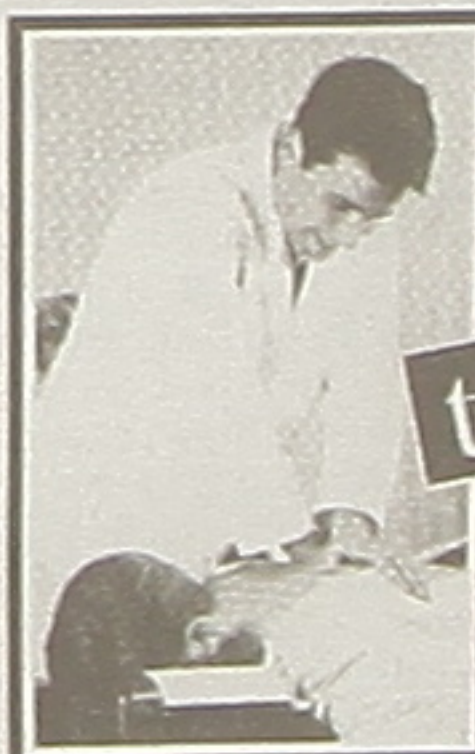
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Sports Scope

Much at stake
for Southern
in final game

From day one (Dec. 9, 1968), when Kansas State College of Pittsburg, (Pittsburg State University as we know it) handed Missouri Southern a 62-55 loss in the first game at Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium, the border-town basketball battle began.

Now 30 years and 427 games later, the Gorillas are back for what will be

the last official basketball event. Although winning the final game in Young Gymnasium would put a smile on the faces of those fans and players who look back into the history books



Andre L. Smith
Sports/Design Editor

years down the road, there is much more at stake.

Southern head coach Robert Corn and his squad will need the spark going into the MIAA tournament. Although they lost 71-67 to Missouri-Rolla on Wednesday they will most likely make the post season tournament, and a win over the currently No. 1-ranked Gorillas (23-2, 14-1) would be a sure emotional lift.

"Whenever you play Pitt State, there is a little extra significance to the game," Corn said. "We want to be playing as well as we can be going into the conference tournament, and what better confidence booster than to beat the No. 1 team?"

All-time, the Lions are 18-11 against the Gorillas at Young Gymnasium. Pitt State fans always pack the bleachers behind the visitors section to support their teams, and Saturday's game will be no different.

The Lady Gorillas are also no stranger to the Lady Lions. Young Gym has been the home of Southern's women's team for 25 years, and their first home game was against PSU as well. However, they triumphed with a 69-60 victory over the Lady Gorillas.

After Saturday, the Lady Lions will have played 297 games at Young Gym. Head coach Amy Townsend said her team has to focus on other goals, rather than just winning for history's sake.

"If we win, we have a chance to increase our win percentage significantly from last year," Townsend said. "It will also help us out in recruiting in the off-season."

With Wednesday's 80-74 loss to Missouri-Rolla, the Lady Lions found themselves home for the playoffs for the second consecutive year. Their last playoff appearance was in 1997 under Carrie Kaifes, when they lost to Missouri Western 59-51.

Both Southern teams have found success at Young Gym. Their winning percentages are well over 50 percent, and each team has one undefeated home season to its credit. The Lions were 11-0 in 1969-70, and the Lady Lions went 14-0 during the 1985-86 season.

So what does The Chart say?

Our adviser, Chad Stebbins, who has been affiliated with Southern as long as our esteemed editor-in-chief, Ginny Dumond, has been alive, predicts one of the Southern teams to be victorious. He said both games will be close, however.

I am going to agree with Stebbins on this one because both teams have the talent to win. The Lady Lions could have beaten the Lady Gorillas in their first meeting, but PSU visited the line 42 times in a game that many believe was called for "the home team."

The men were stifled to only four points in the first three minutes of the second half at PSU, and the Gorillas' 15-point lead was too much to overcome. Two wins on Saturday night would be sweet, but are probably too much to ask for. □

INDOOR TRACK & FILED

Preparation continues
for conference meet

By ROBBY BALL
STAFF WRITER

After a week off from competition, Missouri Southern's men and women's track teams headed to Central Missouri State University for a warm-up meet before conference this weekend.

"Our main reason to take them here was to get them used to the facilities," said Tom Rutledge, head men's track and field coach. "Conference is here, and we wanted them to get an idea of what they would be competing on."

With Rutledge trying to overcome a lack of veteran

talent this season, the conference meet will provide more of a learning experience.

"We have a lot of young guys this year," he said. "Some of them haven't realized that it is the NCAA yet, but we are learning little by little."

"Emporia State, Pitt State, Truman State, and Central Missouri State all have strong teams this year with a lot of depth," Rutledge said. "We are trying to keep our guys focused on the business at hand as well as dealing with adversity and school workload."

Although this year Southern's team is young, several

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MEN'S BASKETBALL



Senior forward Brian Taylor soars through the air while attempting to capture a rebound from 6-foot-2 senior guard Robert Guster of Missouri-Rolla in Wednesday night's 71-67 loss at Young Gym.

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Sophomore Lindsay Franks practices hurdles at Wednesday afternoon's practice in preparation for this weekend's conference meet.

Lions fall to Rolla
down the stretchTeam preps for finale
versus Pittsburg State

By RUSSELL DAKE
STAFF WRITER

Saturday will mark the end to the 31-year history of Missouri Southern-Pittsburg State clashes in Robert Ellis Young Gymnasium. The rivalry dates back to Dec. 9, 1968, when Kansas State College of Pittsburg (now Pittsburg State) defeated Southern 62-55 in the first game played in Young Gymnasium.

The Gorillas will enter the game as the top-ranked team in the nation. The reign at No. 1 could be short-lived; Monday, Pitt State dropped a 75-64 decision at Truman State.

Southern (10-15, 6-9), in the midst of a three-game losing streak, comes into the contest needing a win to solidify the sixth position in the conference standings. The Lions dropped a heart-breaking 71-67 decision Wednesday to the University of Missouri-Rolla Miners (11-14, 5-10).

Southern shot just 43 percent from the floor, hitting 21 of 48 from the field. Pacing the Lions' scoring attack was senior Mario Phillips with 22 points; Carlos Newberry chipped in with 15 off the bench.

"It's hard to build confidence whenever you're losing basketball games," head coach Robert Corn said. "The only way you can do it is by winning basketball games."

"We've got to get that fire back and try to be ready to play Saturday and end the season on a positive note. It's a tough challenge

to get the fire rejuvenated whenever you're coming off a three-game losing streak. I think it's very important to go into the playoffs with some confidence and a little bit of momentum."

The season finale will be the 61st match-up pitting the border rivals and the last ever in the cozy 1,700-seat Young Gymnasium; fittingly, the opponent will be the Gorillas.

"I think anytime you're playing a team that is a rival the game takes on special significance," Corn said. "But you don't want to dwell on that."

"You don't want to play with a lot of emotion. You don't want your team so hyped-up that they expend so much energy in the first five minutes and don't have anything left to finish the game."

"From that standpoint, I don't think you have to go in and do a lot of 'rah-rah' stuff to get your team ready to play. If you're not ready to play in a game like this, you had better check their pulse to make sure they are still alive."

Missouri Western raced to a 42-26 halftime lead and never looked back in burying the Lions 93-69 Feb. 11 in St. Joseph. The Griffons (18-5, 10-3) were paced by conference-leading scorer Randy Dickerson's 25 points. Center Matt Olson netted 24 to lead Southern, hitting 10 of 10 from the foul line.

Truman State and Southern battled to the buzzer for the second time this season, with the Bulldogs (16-6, 9-4) slipping past the Lions for a 60-58 victory Feb. 13. Eddin Santiago led Southern with 12 points, also dishing out six assists and collecting four steals. □

BASEBALL

Lions lose two at Oral Roberts

By JEFF WELLS
MANAGING EDITOR

Missouri Southern dropped a pair of nine-inning contests to Oral Roberts University last weekend.

The Lions lost 23-2 Saturday and 16-7 Sunday. Juniors Justin Dudinsky and Eric Jackson were awarded the losses.

Freshman Alan Scheurich and sophomore Tyrus Morgan led the team with two hits each Saturday.

Freshman Sean Ritchie had a three-run home run in the fifth inning of Sunday's game. Ritchie also drew three walks.

Dudinsky had two doubles as the designated hitter.

Southern's next series will be a pair of wooden-bat doubleheaders at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Feb. 27-28.

"If you look at the statistics, it didn't look that well, but it was really better than what it was," Dudinsky said about Saturday's contest.

"A few balls here and a few balls there, and a few plays we made could have made a big difference in that first inning that I struggled in," he said. "But it happens, it's baseball. I thought I did better than I did in the previous game, and that is the whole objective right now"

Dudinsky said he would work on trying to

pitch inside more and keeping the runners honest.

Southern head coach Warren Turner said he played every man on the roster at ORU.

"I think we have players who have learned more about baseball in the four games we have played than they have done all their playing career," he said.

Turner said the team faced pitchers with fastballs in the 93 mph range. He said they are unlikely to see such opposition later in the season.

"It's good to see how good these people are, and it lets us know some things we have to be able to improve on to compete at our level," he said.

Turner is using the two-week rest to drill his team on fundamentals.

"We have to keep improving our pitchers and their mechanics, throwing strikes," he said. "Hitters have to keep working on swings. We have several people who need to do some things to improve their swings."

Turner liked what he saw despite the lopsided scores.

"I think a couple of pitchers showed me some things. Jackson and Dudinsky pitched well, Nat Robertson came in and show us some things," he said.

Robertson is a junior transfer from Anoka-Ramsey Community College in Minnesota. □

LET'S PLAY CATCH



NOPPADOL PAOTHONG/The Chart

Freshman shortstop Erin Turner from Harrisonville, Mo. warms up her arm during a practice at Fred G. Hughes Stadium on Monday afternoon. The Lady Lions open their season on March 3 at Arkansas.